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NUOVA SAGA
PK
IL RAGGIO NERO

THE SHADOWS GROW DEEPER AT NIGHT, BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO BE AFRAID OF THE DARK, BECAUSE IN DUCKBURG THERE ARE THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO SHINE A LIGHT THAT DISSOLVES ALL FEAR...
UAAARGH! UAAARGH!
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DID YOU HEAR THAT TOO, TOM?
THERE'S SOMEONE SCREAMING! THAT WAY, QUICK!
UAAARGH! UAAARGH!
HEY, YOU! STOP RIGHT THERE!
YOU TALKING TO ME, OFFICER?
UAAARGH! UAAARGH!
BUT... UH... WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT IN YOUR POCKET?
MY PHONE! THE RING-TONE'S PERSON-ALIZED FOR MY MOTHER!
UAAARGH! UAAARGH!
BUT IT'S HORRENDOUS! WHAT'S THE HOLDUP? ANSWER!
SIGHT! ALRIGHT...
HELLO, MOM? I WAS IN THE SHOWER AND COULDN'T HEAR YOU!

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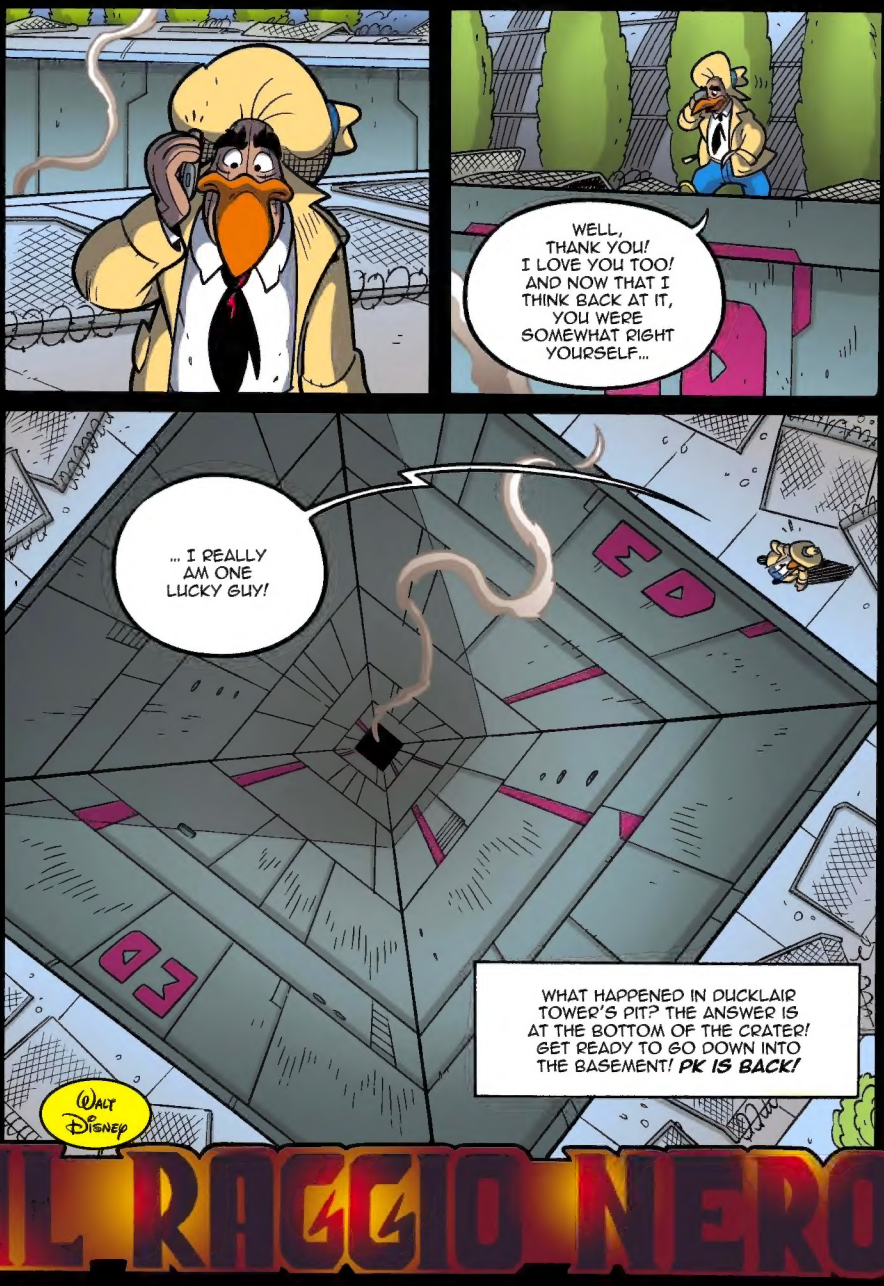
LYING TO HIS MOTHER! MAYBE WE OUGHT TO ARREST HIM!
DIDN'T YOU RECOGNIZE HIM? THAT'S ANGUS FANGUS, THE GUY ON TV!
DANGER
PLEASE, MOM! WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THIS! KIWINETWORK'S OFFER WAS GOOD, BUT DOUBLE ZERO CHANNEL'S WAS GREAT! THAT'S THE REASON I WENT BACK!
DANGER
THIS IS THE BIG OPPORTUNITY I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! I HAVE A JUICY SALARY, MY OWN OFFICE, ASSISTANTS AND SOON I'LL WRITE A BOOK!
NO NOVEL! IT'S GONNA BE THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE BRAVE JOURNALIST WHO WITNESSED LIVE THE EVRONIAN INVASION!
OF COURSE I KNOW HIM! IT'S ME, MOM!
I HAVE BECOME A CELEBRITY! AND NO, I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY SHIRT! I NO LONGER HAVE TIME FOR THINGS LIKE THAT!

LUCK GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! WHY DON'T YOU TRY SAYING SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE EVERY NOW AND THEN? IT WOULD BE A NEW EXPERIENCE!
BEING AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME IS THE NUMBER ONE QUALITY OF A GOOD JOURNALIST! IS IT SO HARD TO SAY "BRAVO"?
DANGER
HELLO? HELLO, MOM?
CRACKLE
KRAK
SHHHHH
KRAK KRRR
KZZZZ
BRRRRRROOOOOOOMMMMM
BRRROOOOOOOOMMMMMM

KRUUUUMBLE
WHOOOOOOOO
UAAARGH!
EEEK!
H-HELLO, MOM? NO, I DIDN'T HANG UP, THE LINE GOT CUT OFF! NO, I'M NOT ANGRY, REALLY! WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?


WELL, THANK YOU! I LOVE YOU TOO! AND NOW THAT I THINK BACK AT IT, YOU WERE SOMEWHAT RIGHT YOURSELF...
... I REALLY AM ONE LUCKY GUY!
WHAT HAPPENED IN DUCKLAIR TOWER'S PIT? THE ANSWER IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CRATER! GET READY TO GO DOWN INTO THE BASEMENT! PK IS BACK!
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THE NOISES KEEP GETTING CLOSER. HEAVY THUMPS, FURIOUS CRIES AND THEN THAT COLD VOICE THAT COMES BACK EVERY NIGHT...
KRANG
THERE'S NO MORE TIME, AVENGER!
PRESS THAT BUTTON! DESTROY THE TOWER!
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
CLACK
A DIFFICULT CHOICE WAS MADE.
A FRIEND CAME BACK.
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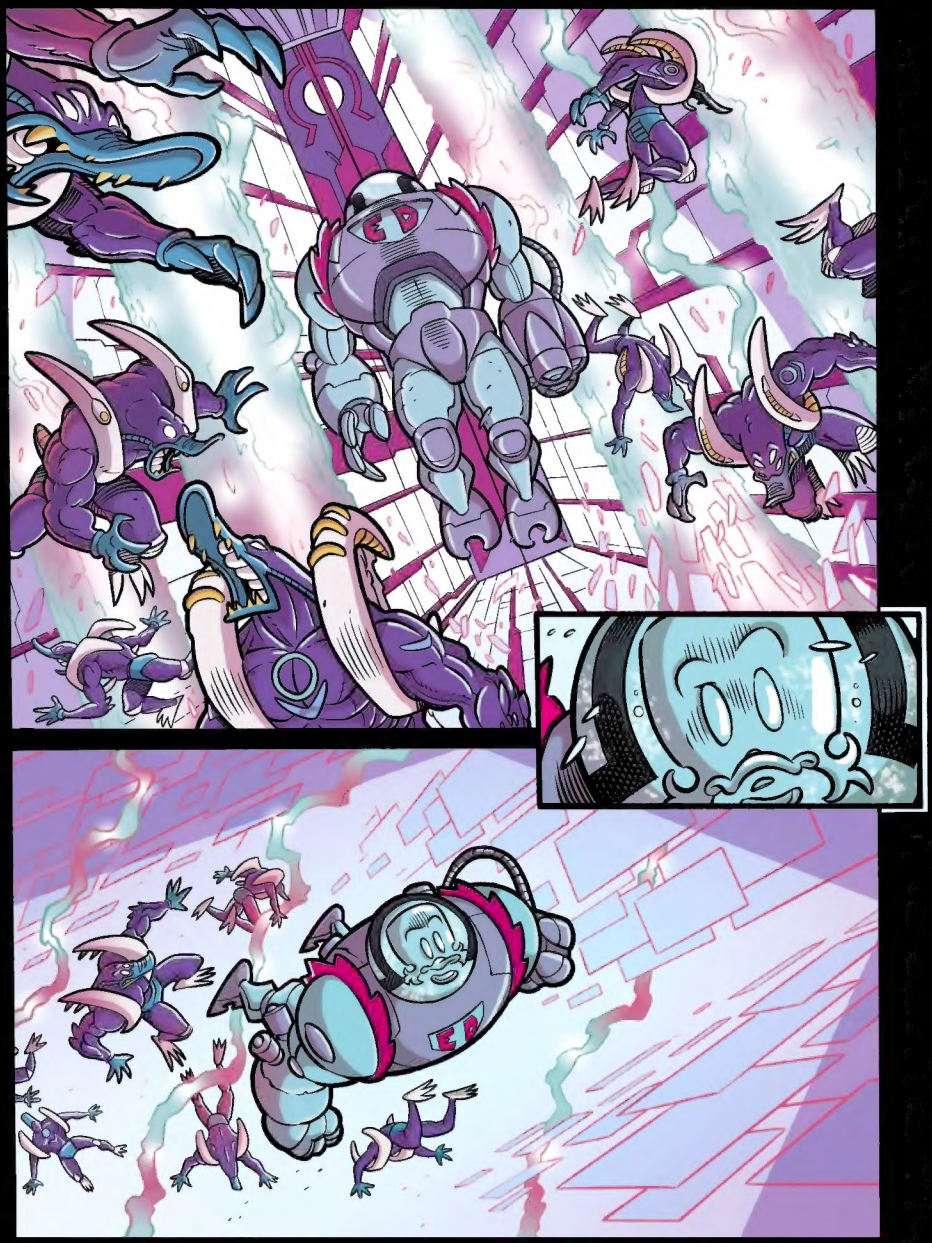
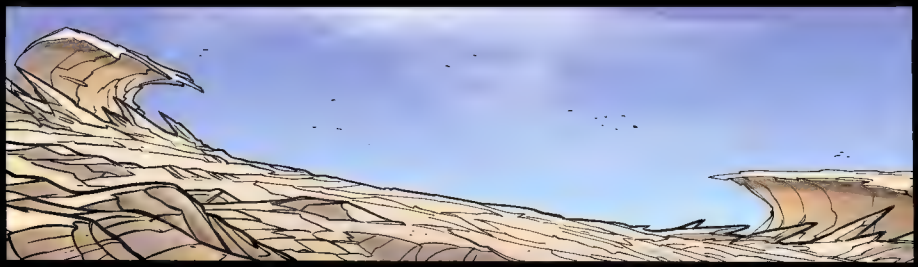
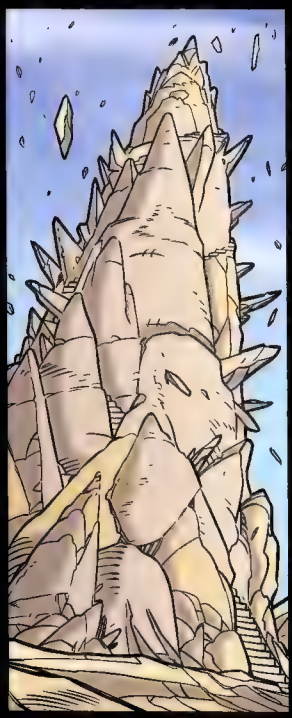
AND THEN? WHAT ELSE?
BLOOOM
GREAT EVRON! THE DUCK HAS VANISHED!
I AM STILL HERE! COME FORWARD AND FACE ME! IT WILL BE THE LAST THING YOU DO, SO FIGHT WITH HONOR...
ZZRAK
ZZAK
... BECAUSE NOBODY IS GETTING OUT OF HERE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT'S A TRAP! WE HAVE TO LEAVE! QUICKLY!







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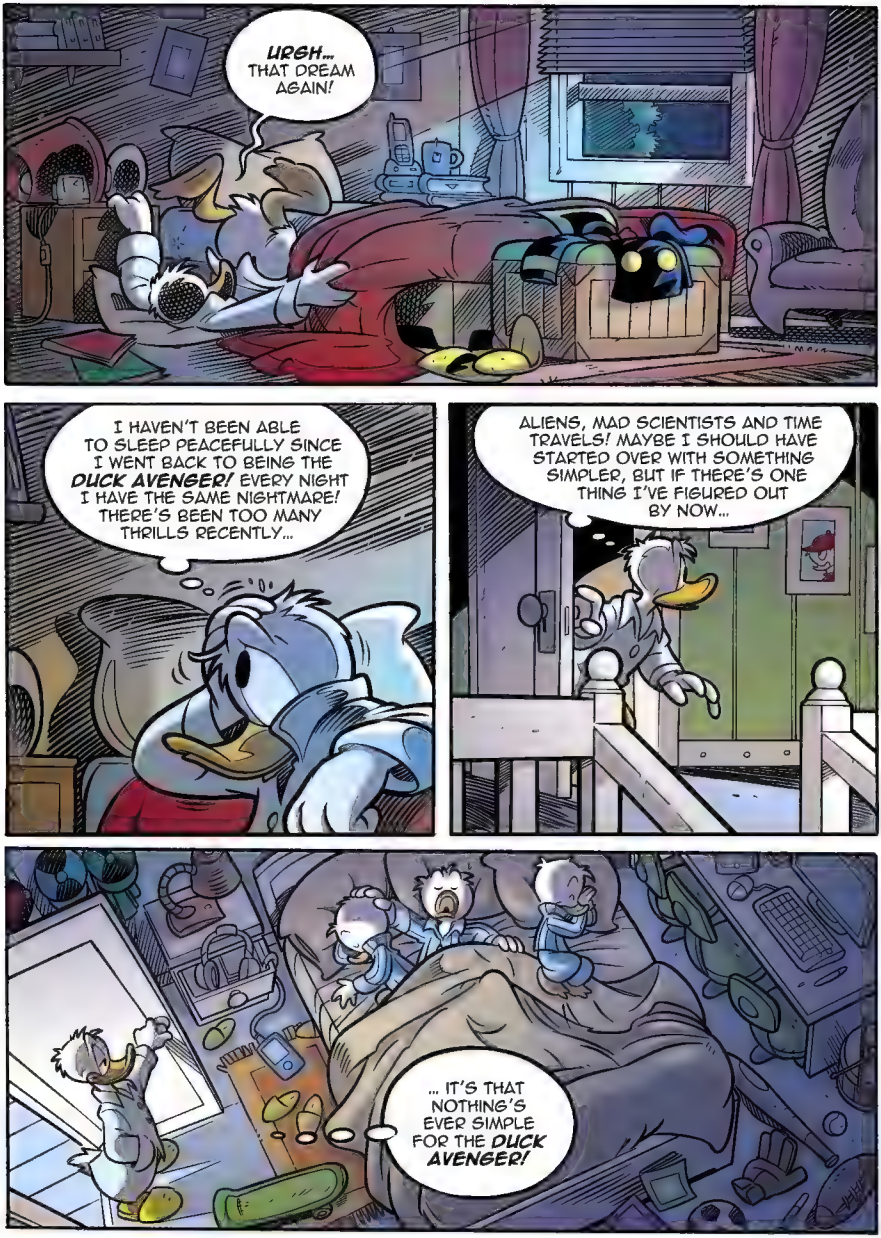
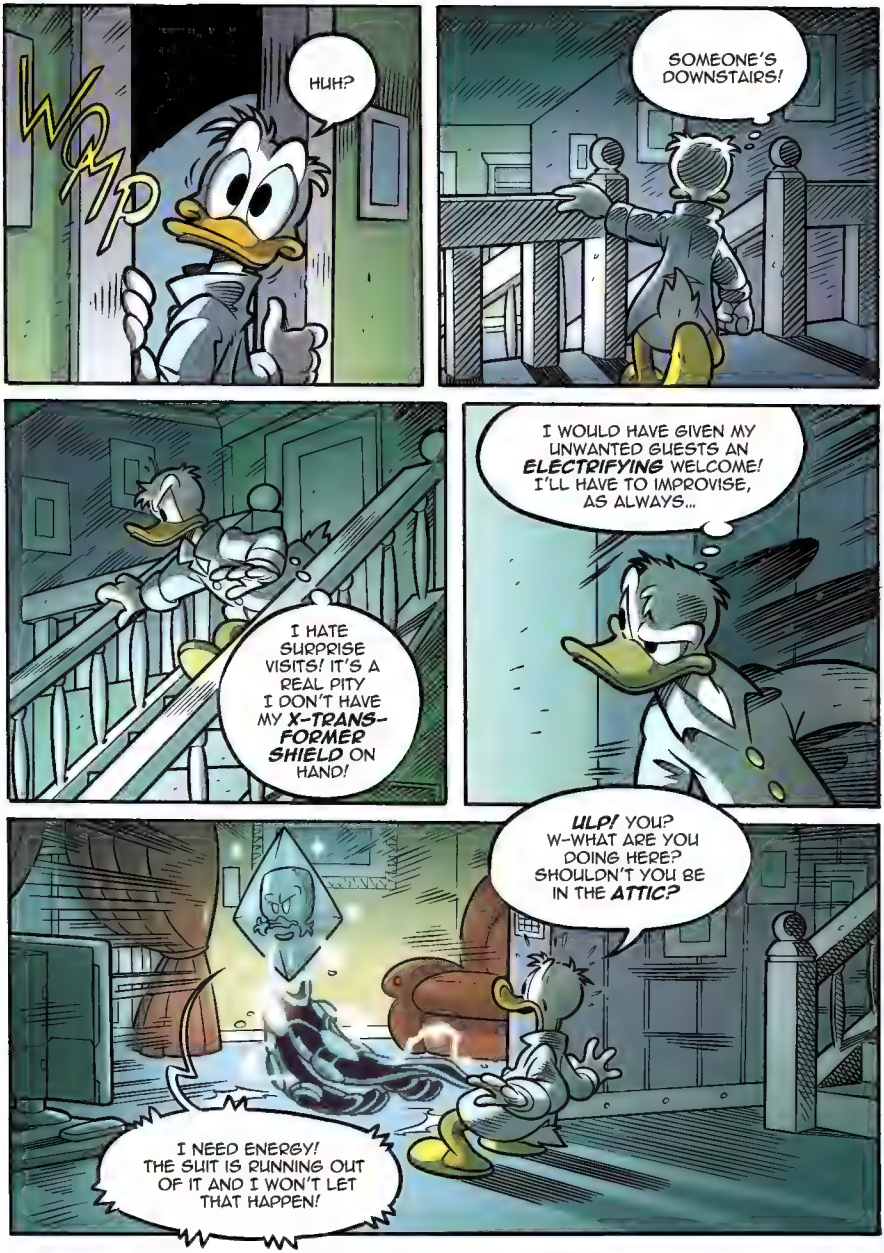
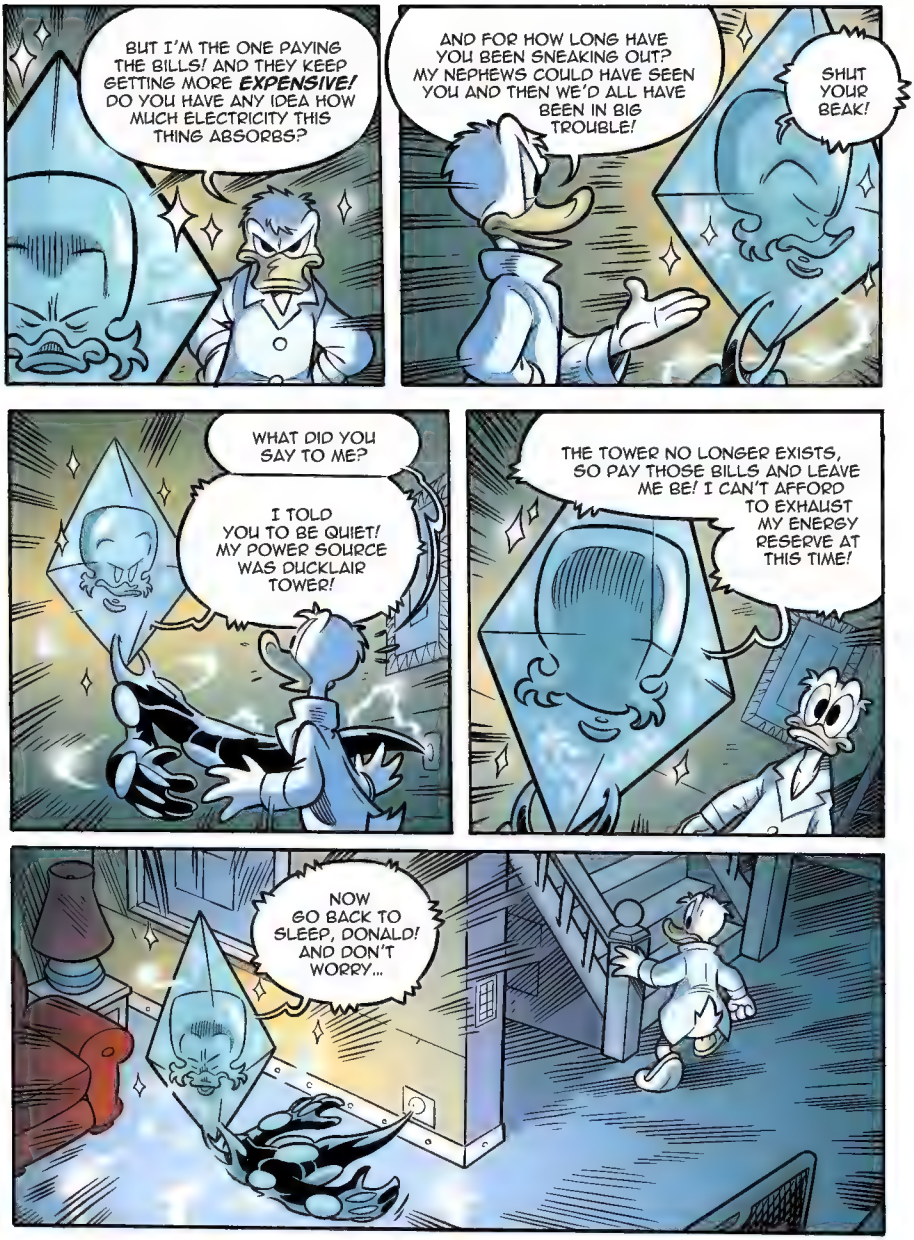
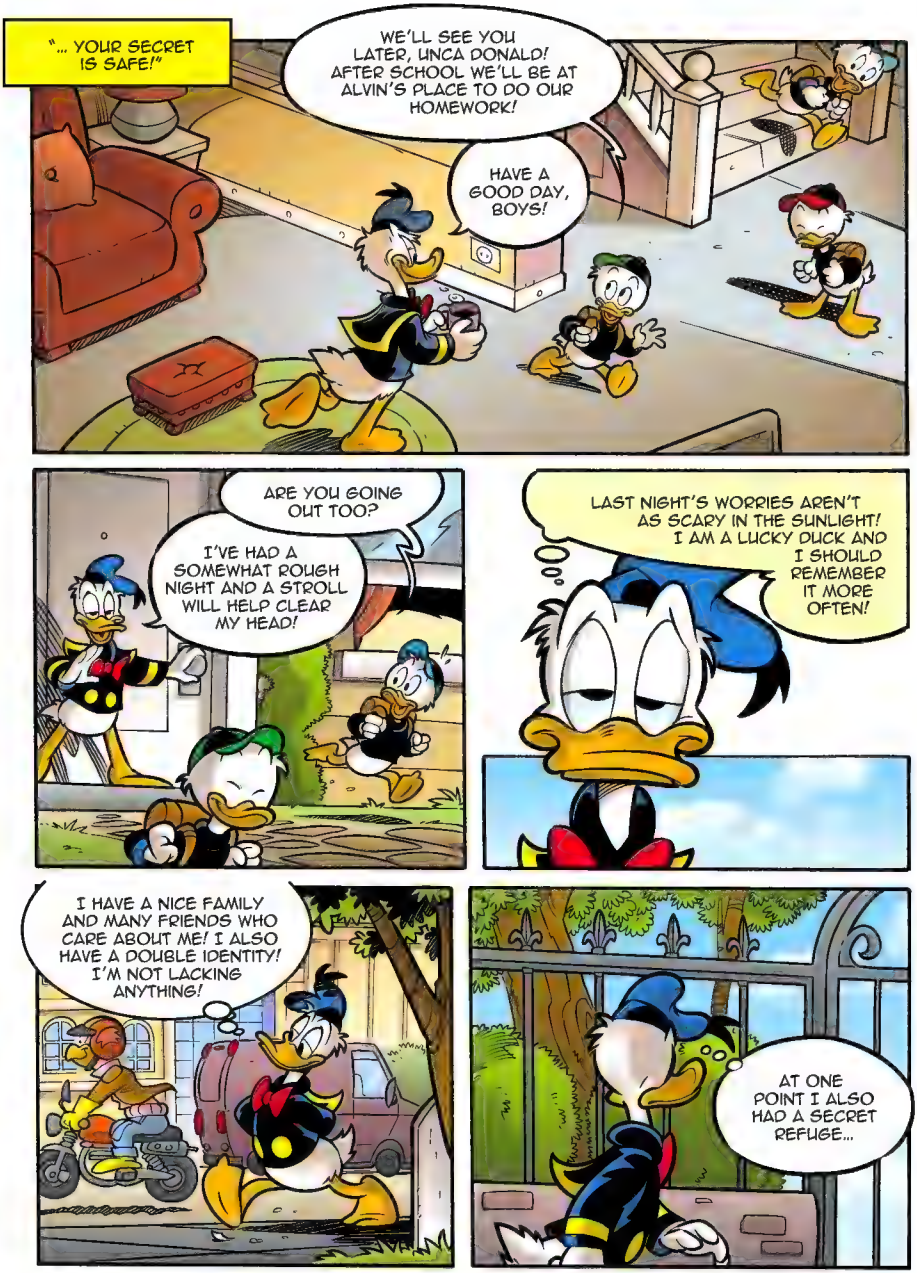
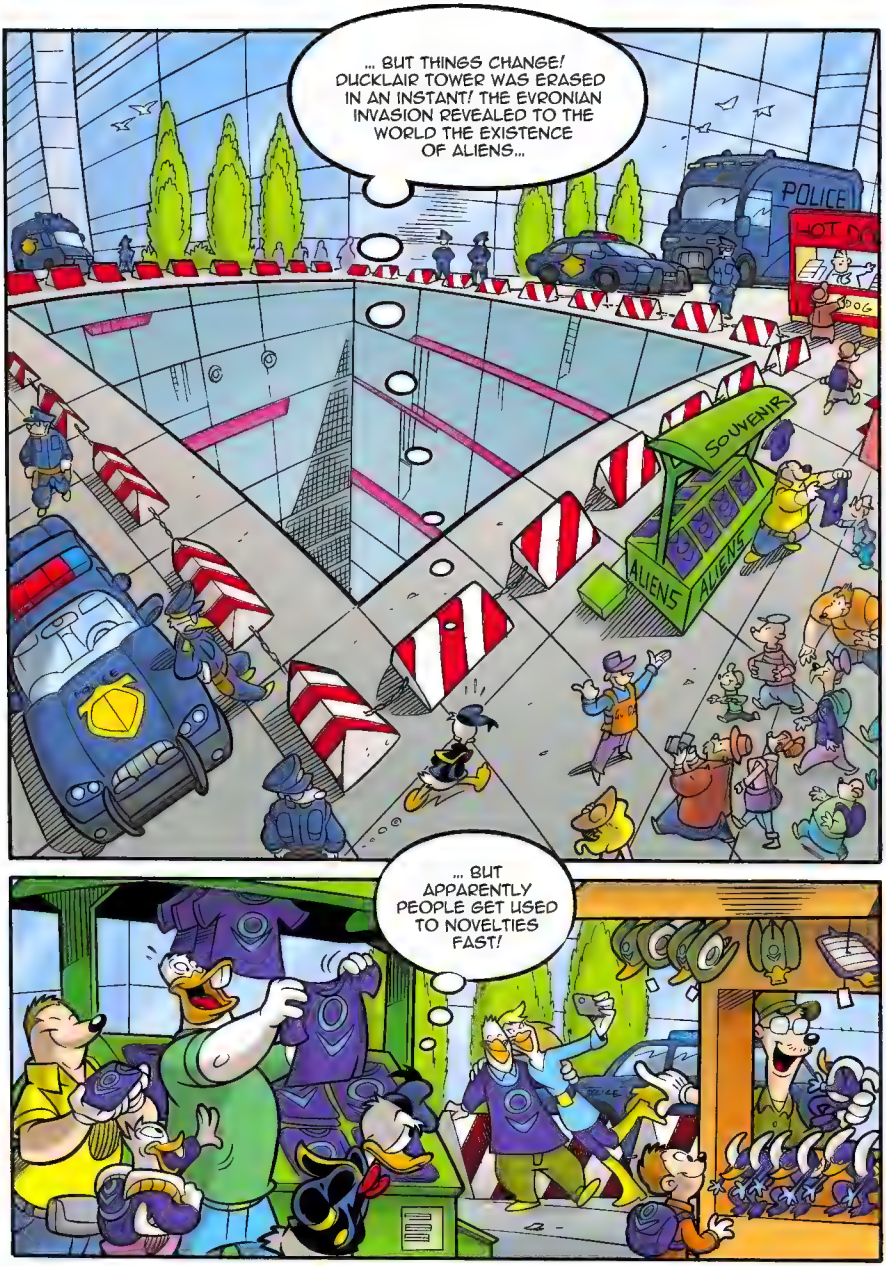

URGH... THAT DREAM AGAIN!
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP PEACEFULLY SINCE I WENT BACK TO BEING THE DUCK AVENGER! EVERY NIGHT I HAVE THE SAME NIGHTMARE! THERE'S BEEN TOO MANY THRILLS RECENTLY...
ALIENS, MAD SCIENTISTS AND TIME TRAVELS! MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE STARTED OVER WITH SOMETHING SIMPLER, BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING I'VE FIGURED OUT BY NOW...
... IT'S THAT NOTHING'S EVER SIMPLE FOR THE DUCK AVENGER!


WAP
HUH?
SOMEONE'S DOWNSTAIRS!
I HATE SURPRISE VISITS! IT'S A REAL PITY I DON'T HAVE MY X-TRANS-FORMER SHIELD ON HAND!
I WOULD HAVE GIVEN MY UNWANTED GUESTS AN ELECTRIFYING WELCOME! I'LL HAVE TO IMPROVISE, AS ALWAYS...
ULP! YOU? W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN THE ATTIC?
I NEED ENERGY! THE SUIT IS RUNNING OUT OF IT AND I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!


BUT I'M THE ONE PAYING THE BILLS! AND THEY KEEP GETTING MORE ***EXPENSIVE!*** DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY THIS THING ABSORBS?
AND FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SNEAKING OUT? MY NEPHEWS COULD HAVE SEEN YOU AND THEN WE'D ALL HAVE BEEN IN BIG TROUBLE!
SHUT YOUR BEAK!
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ME?
I TOLD YOU TO BE QUIET! MY POWER SOURCE WAS DUCKLAIR TOWER!
THE TOWER NO LONGER EXISTS, SO PAY THOSE BILLS AND LEAVE ME BE! I CAN'T AFFORD TO EXHAUST MY ENERGY RESERVE AT THIS TIME!
NOW GO BACK TO SLEEP, DONALD! AND DON'T WORRY...


"... YOUR SECRET IS SAFE!"
WE'LL SEE YOU LATER, UNCA DONALD! AFTER SCHOOL WE'LL BE AT ALVIN'S PLACE TO DO OUR HOMEWORK!
HAVE A GOOD DAY, BOYS!
ARE YOU GOING OUT TOO?
I'VE HAD A SOMEWHAT ROUGH NIGHT AND A STROLL WILL HELP CLEAR MY HEAD!
LAST NIGHT'S WORRIES AREN'T AS SCARY IN THE SUNLIGHT! I AM A LUCKY DUCK AND I SHOULD REMEMBER IT MORE OFTEN!
I HAVE A NICE FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS WHO CARE ABOUT ME! I ALSO HAVE A DOUBLE IDENTITY! I'M NOT LACKING ANYTHING!
AT ONE POINT I ALSO HAD A SECRET REFUGE...


... BUT THINGS CHANGE! DUCKLAIR TOWER WAS ERASED IN AN INSTANT! THE EVRONIAN INVASION REVEALED TO THE WORLD THE EXISTENCE OF ALIENS...
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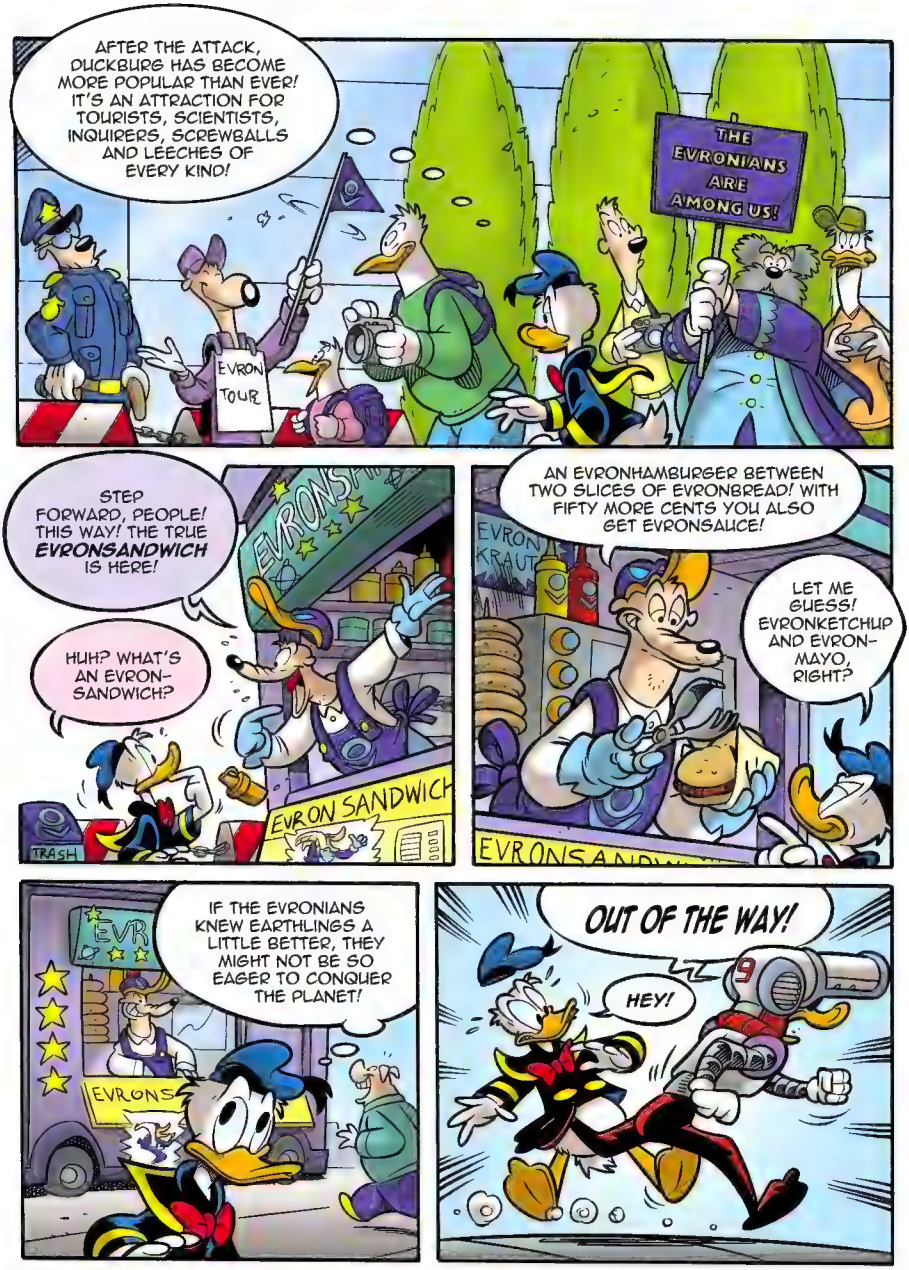
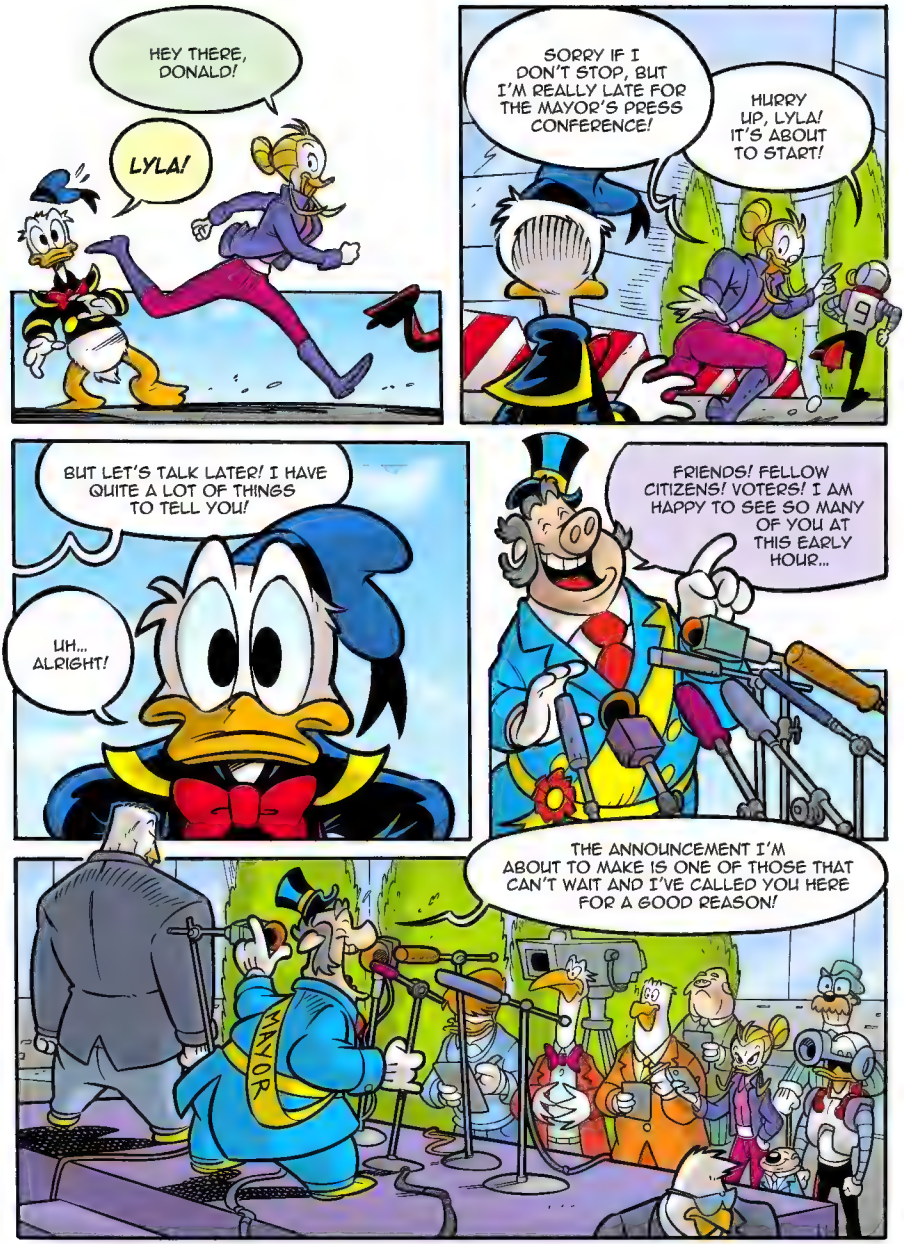
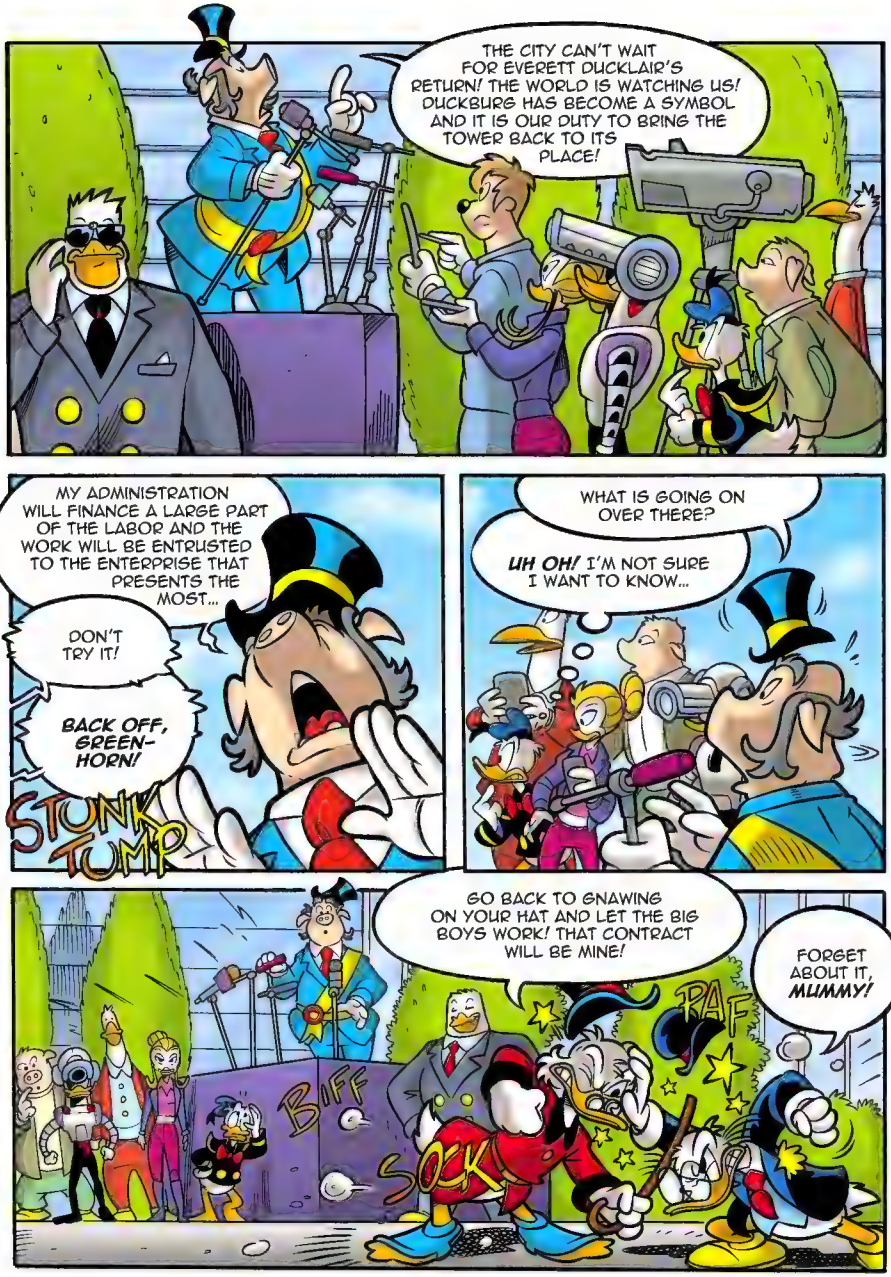
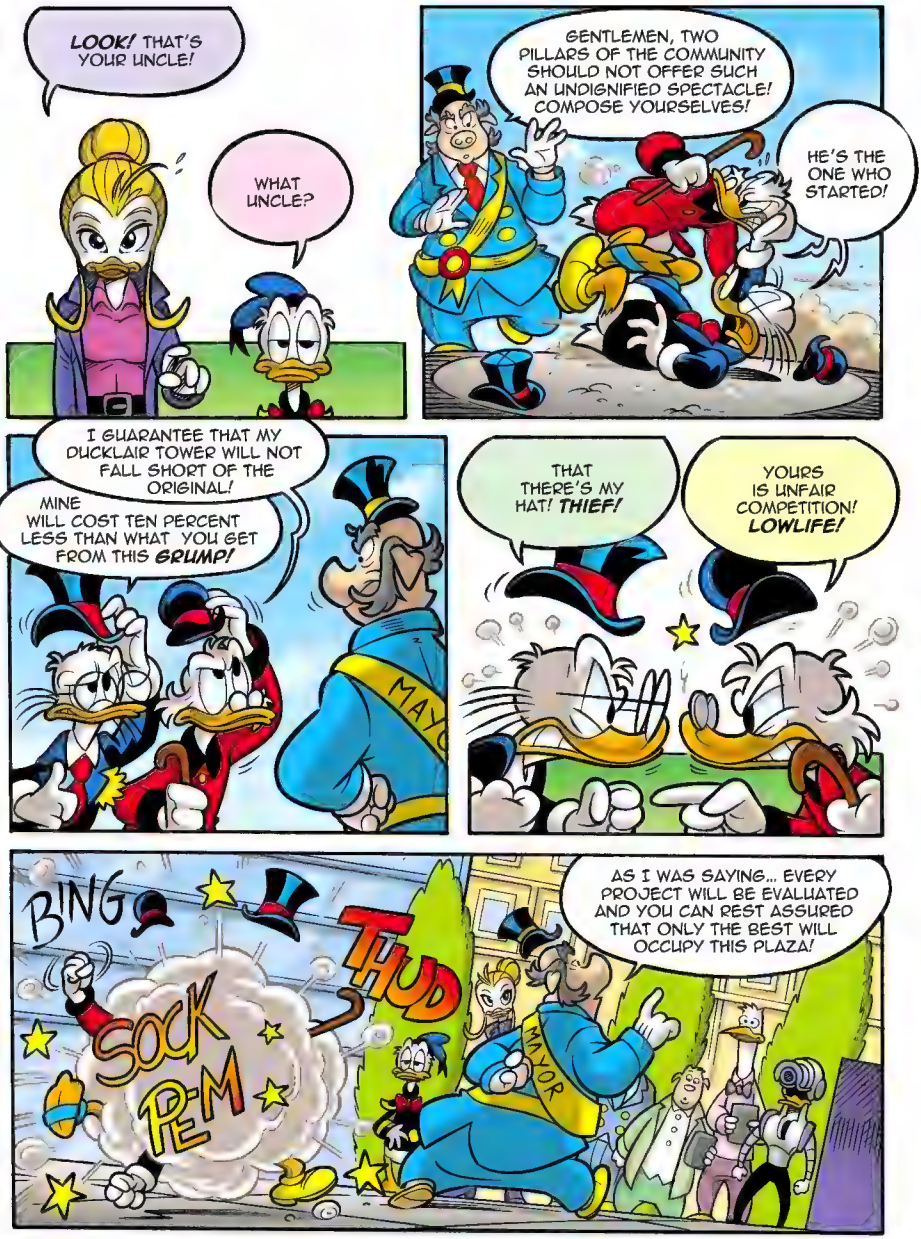
ALIENS
ALIENS
... BUT APPARENTLY PEOPLE GET USED TO NOVELTIES FAST!

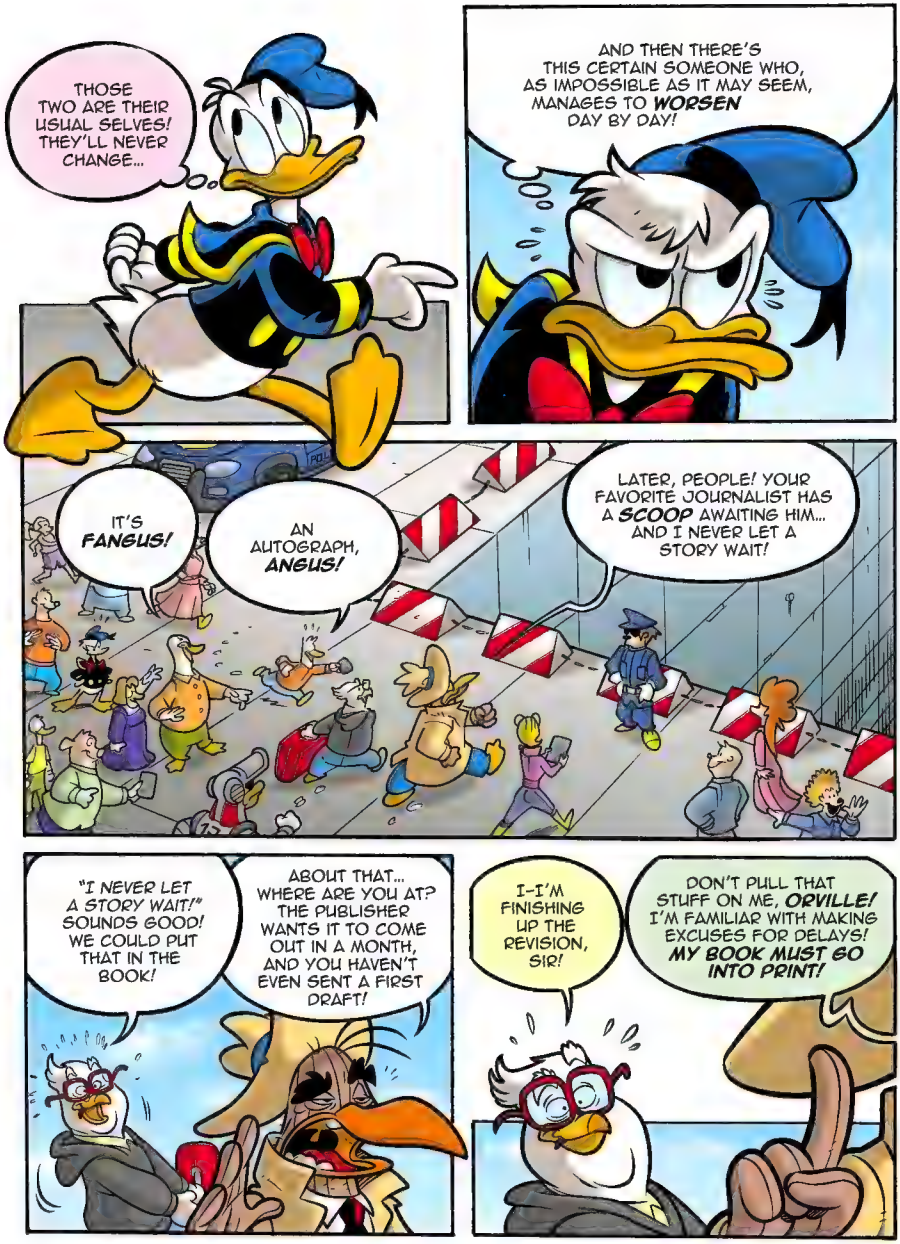

AFTER THE ATTACK, DUCKBURG HAS BECOME MORE POPULAR THAN EVER! IT'S AN ATTRACTION FOR TOURISTS, SCIENTISTS, INQUIRERS, SCREWBALLS AND LEECHES OF EVERY KIND!
THE EVRONIANS ARE AMONG US!
EVRON TOUR
STEP FORWARD, PEOPLE! THIS WAY! THE TRUE EVRONSANDWICH IS HERE!
HUH? WHAT'S AN EVRON-SANDWICH?
EVRON SANDWICH
TRASH
AN EVRONHAMBURGER BETWEEN TWO SLICES OF EVRONBREAD! WITH FIFTY MORE CENTS YOU ALSO GET EVRONSAUCE!
LET ME GUESS! EVRONKETCHUP AND EVRON-MAYO, RIGHT?
IF THE EVRONIANS KNEW EARTHLINGS A LITTLE BETTER, THEY MIGHT NOT BE SO EAGER TO CONQUER THE PLANET!
EVRONS
OUT OF THE WAY!
HEY!

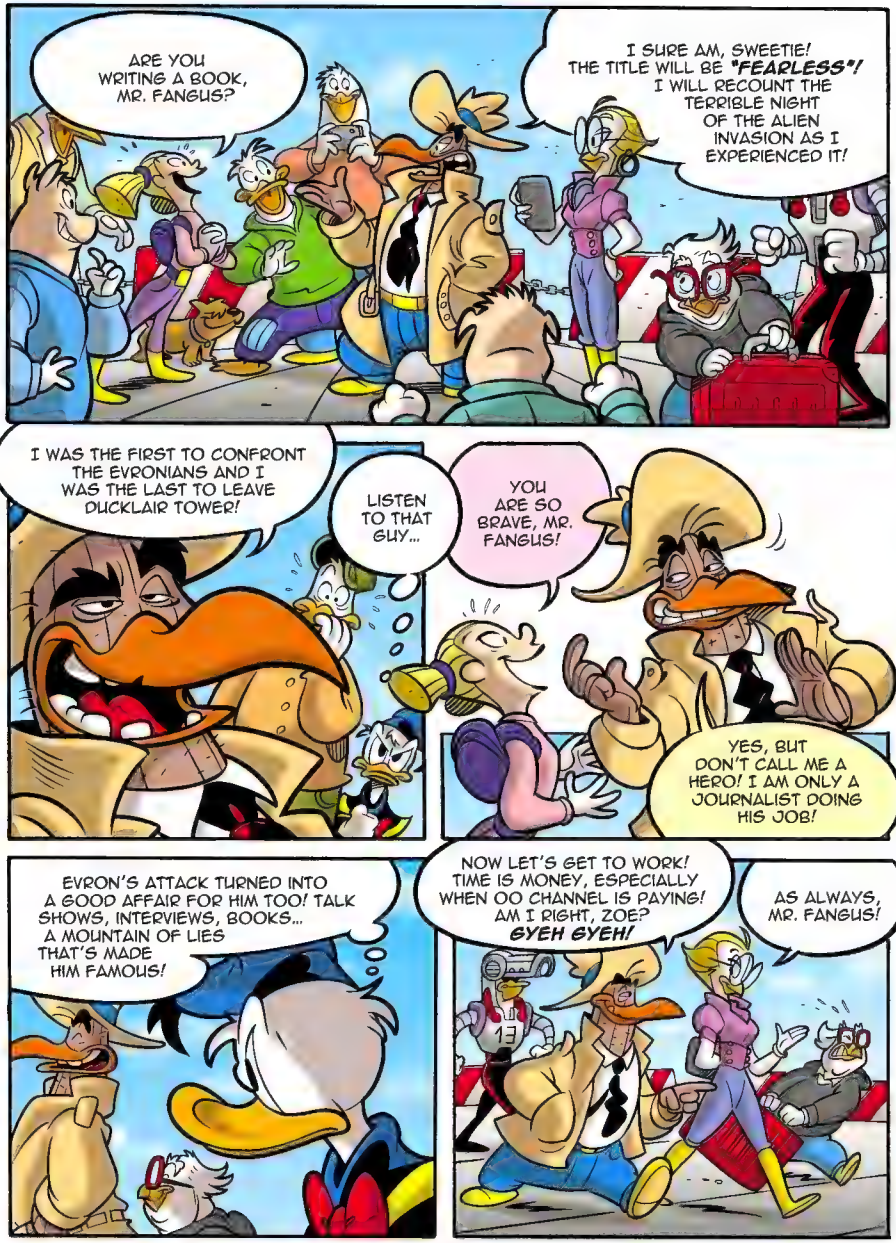

HEY THERE, DONALD!
LYLA!
SORRY IF I DON'T STOP, BUT I'M REALLY LATE FOR THE MAYOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE!
HURRY UP, LYLA! IT'S ABOUT TO START!
BUT LET'S TALK LATER! I HAVE QUITE A LOT OF THINGS TO TELL YOU!
UH... ALRIGHT!
FRIENDS! FELLOW CITIZENS! VOTERS! I AM HAPPY TO SEE SO MANY OF YOU AT THIS EARLY HOUR...
THE ANNOUNCEMENT I'M ABOUT TO MAKE IS ONE OF THOSE THAT CAN'T WAIT AND I'VE CALLED YOU HERE FOR A GOOD REASON!
MAYOR

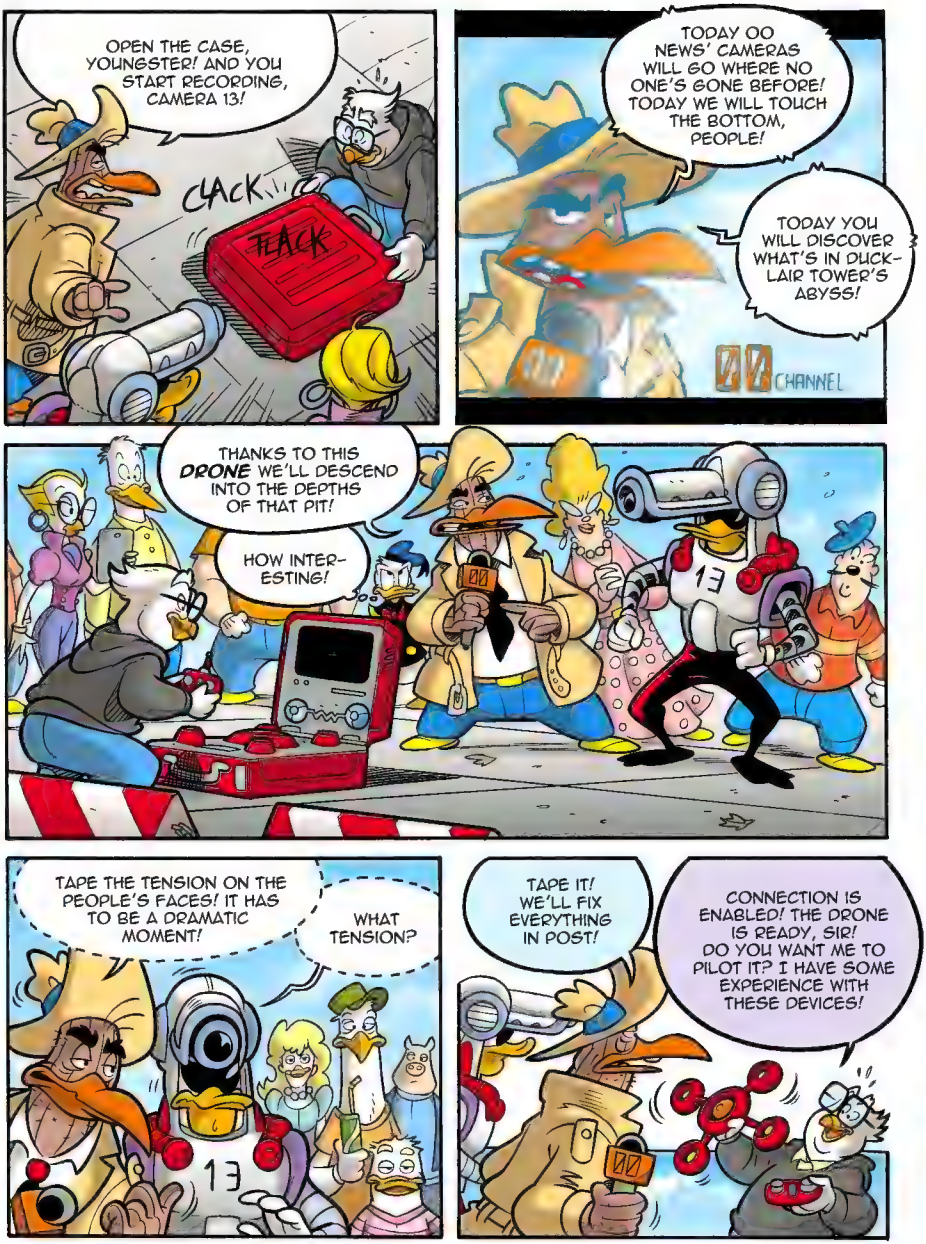
THE VOID LEFT BY DUCKBURG'S HIGHEST TOWER WILL SOON BE FILLED! I AM PLEASED TO TELL YOU THAT DUCKLAIR TOWER WILL BE REBORN GREATER AND GRANDER THAN BEFORE!
TODAY THAT CHASM IS A WOUND, BUT FROM TOMORROW IT WILL BE THE STARTING POINT TO BUILDING A BETTER DUCKBURG!
MAYOR
MR. MAYOR! I AM LYLA LAY! WOULD YOU ALLOW A QUESTION FOR POINT DOUBLE BLANK?
OF COURSE, AS LONG AS IT'S NOT TOO DIFFICULT! YOUR SHOW IS NEVER TOO TENDER WITH ITS GUESTS! HE HE!
WHAT WILL EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S ROLE BE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION? I IMAGINE YOU HAVE CONSULTED WITH HIM ON THE COSTS AND THE TIMING OF THE OPERATION AND THIS MAY BE THE MOST CLAMOROUS NEWS...
... YOU KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF MR. DUCKLAIR!
EHEM... I'M AFRAID I MUST DISAPPOINT YOU, MISS LAY!
EVERETT DUCKLAIR IS STILL UNREACHABLE TO THIS DAY AND THAT IS WHY THE CITY COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO ACT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE!

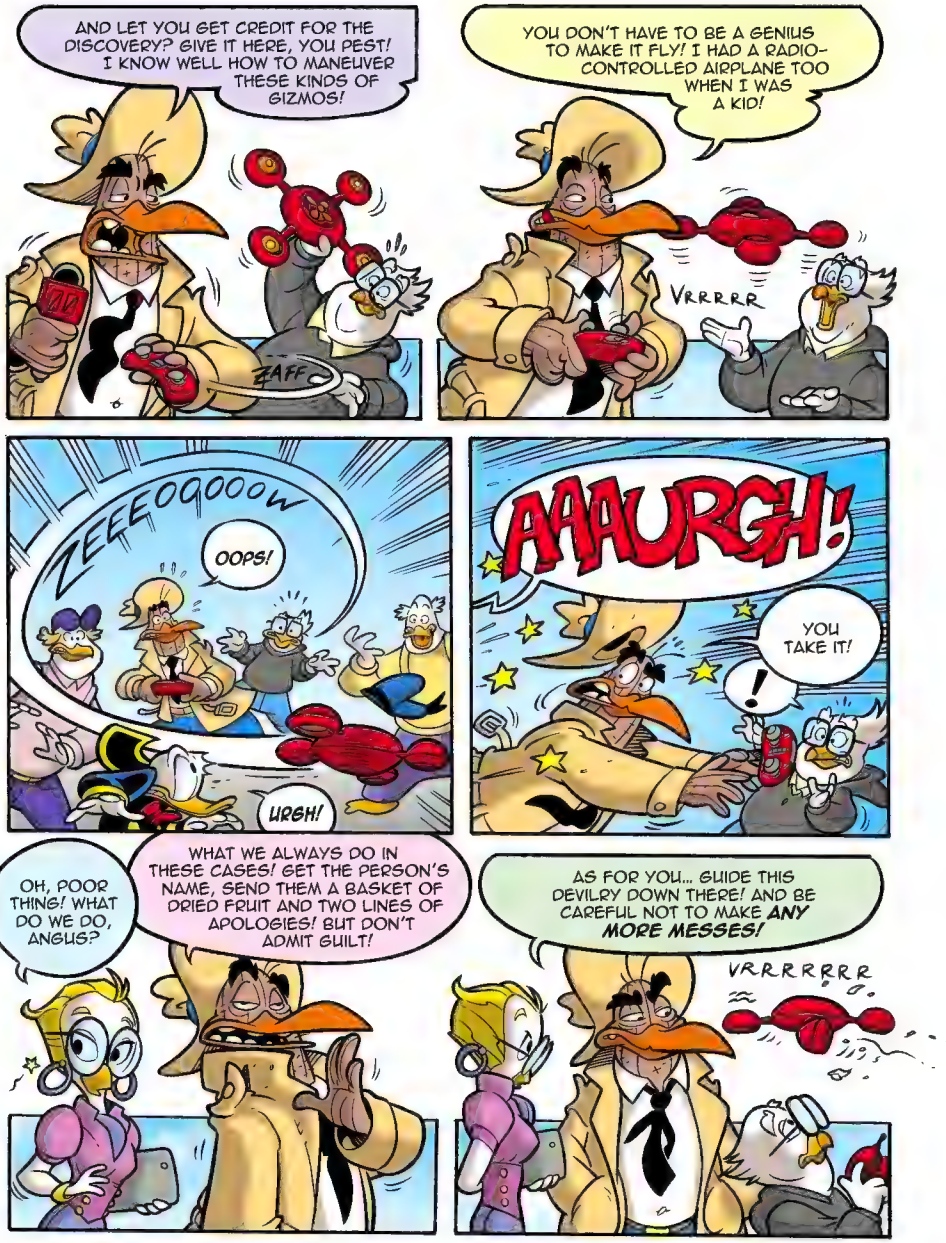

THE CITY CAN'T WAIT FOR EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S RETURN! THE WORLD IS WATCHING US! DUCKBURG HAS BECOME A SYMBOL AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO BRING THE TOWER BACK TO ITS PLACE!
MY ADMINISTRATION WILL FINANCE A LARGE PART OF THE LABOR AND THE WORK WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO THE ENTERPRISE THAT PRESENTS THE MOST...
DON'T TRY IT!
BACK OFF, GREEN-HORN!
STONK TUMP
WHAT IS GOING ON OVER THERE?
UH OH! I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW...
GO BACK TO GNAWING ON YOUR HAT AND LET THE BIG BOYS WORK! THAT CONTRACT WILL BE MINE!
FORGET ABOUT IT, MUMMY!
BIFF
SOCK
RAF

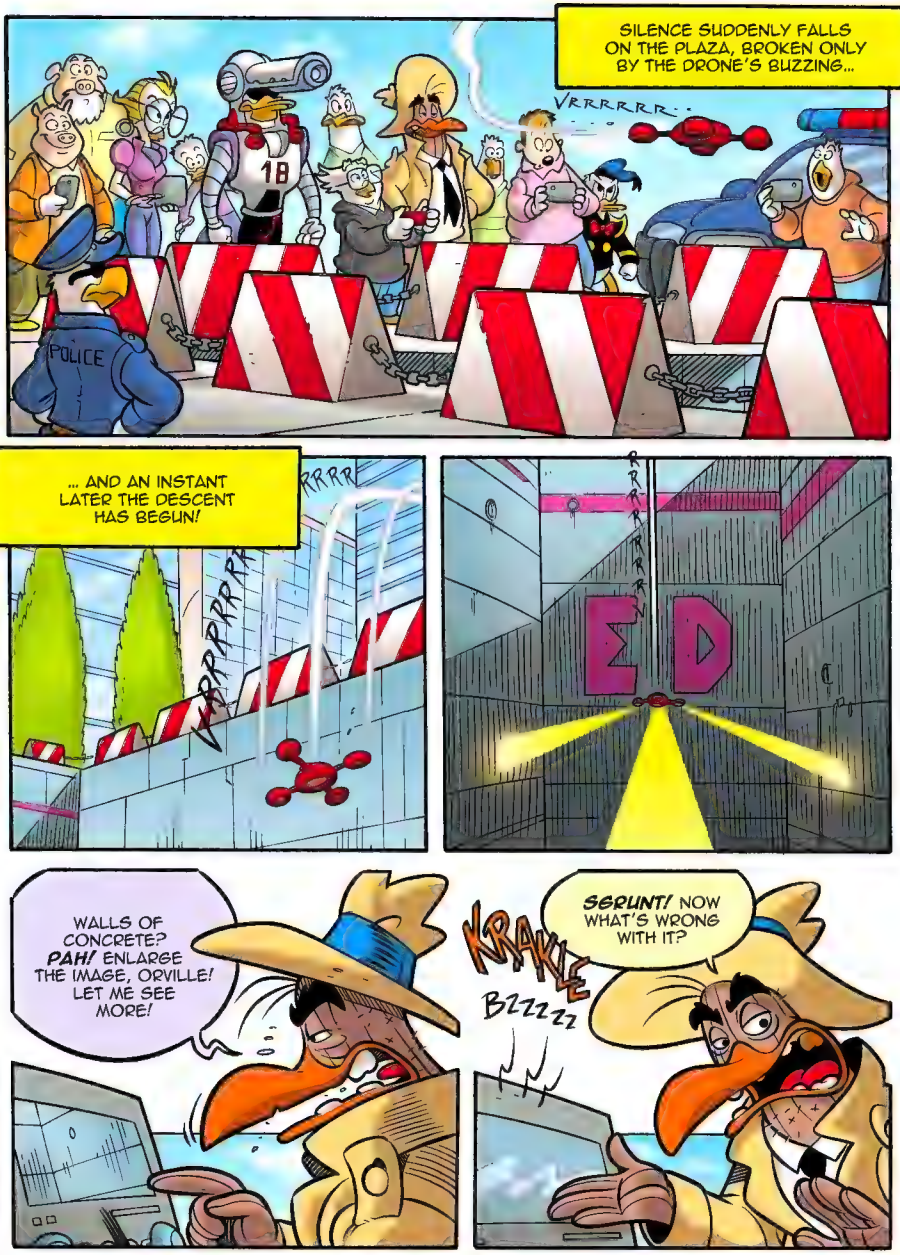

LOOK! THAT'S YOUR UNCLE!
WHAT UNCLE?
GENTLEMEN, TWO PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT OFFER SUCH AN UNDIGNIFIED SPECTACLE! COMPOSE YOURSELVES!
HE'S THE ONE WHO STARTED!
I GUARANTEE THAT MY DUCKLAIR TOWER WILL NOT FALL SHORT OF THE ORIGINAL!
MINE WILL COST TEN PERCENT LESS THAN WHAT YOU GET FROM THIS GRUMP!
MAYOR
THAT THERE'S MY HAT! THIEF!
YOURS IS UNFAIR COMPETITION! LOWLIFE!
BING
SOCK
PE-M
THUD
AS I WAS SAYING... EVERY PROJECT WILL BE EVALUATED AND YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT ONLY THE BEST WILL OCCUPY THIS PLAZA!
MAYOR


THOSE TWO ARE THEIR USUAL SELVES! THEY'LL NEVER CHANGE...
AND THEN THERE'S THIS CERTAIN SOMEONE WHO, AS IMPOSSIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, MANAGES TO WORSEN DAY BY DAY!
IT'S FANGUS!
AN AUTOGRAPH, ANGUS!
LATER, PEOPLE! YOUR FAVORITE JOURNALIST HAS A SCOOP AWAITING HIM... AND I NEVER LET A STORY WAIT!
"I NEVER LET A STORY WAIT!" SOUNDS GOOD! WE COULD PUT THAT IN THE BOOK!
ABOUT THAT... WHERE ARE YOU AT? THE PUBLISHER WANTS IT TO COME OUT IN A MONTH, AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SENT A FIRST DRAFT!
I-I'M FINISHING UP THE REVISION, SIR!
DON'T PULL THAT STUFF ON ME, ORVILLE! I'M FAMILIAR WITH MAKING EXCUSES FOR DELAYS! MY BOOK MUST GO INTO PRINT!

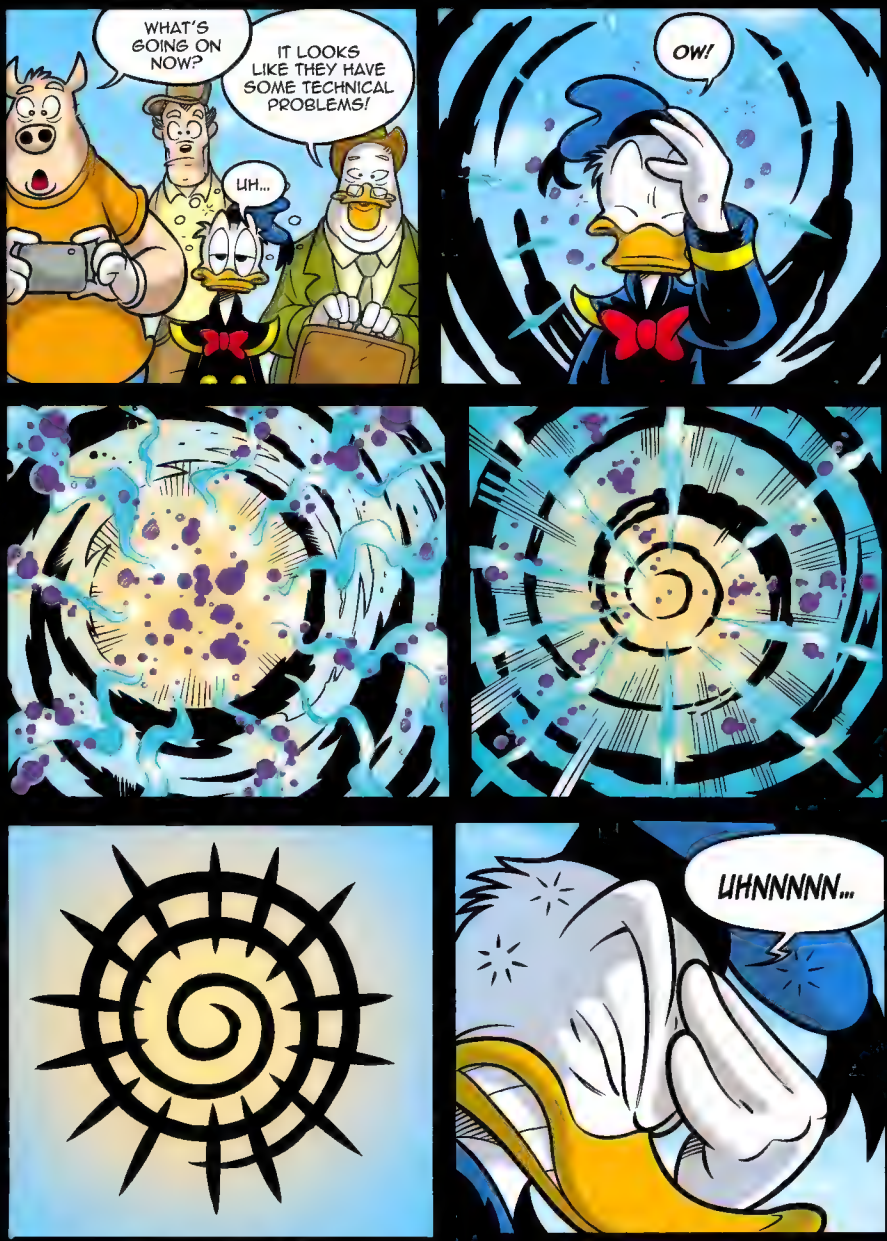

ARE YOU WRITING A BOOK, MR. FANGUS?
I SURE AM, SWEETIE! THE TITLE WILL BE *"FEARLESS"*! I WILL RECOUNT THE TERRIBLE NIGHT OF THE ALIEN INVASION AS I EXPERIENCED IT!
I WAS THE FIRST TO CONFRONT THE EVRONIANS AND I WAS THE LAST TO LEAVE DUCKLAIR TOWER!
LISTEN TO THAT GUY...
YOU ARE SO BRAVE, MR. FANGUS!
YES, BUT DON'T CALL ME A HERO! I AM ONLY A JOURNALIST DOING HIS JOB!
EVRON'S ATTACK TURNED INTO A GOOD AFFAIR FOR HIM TOO! TALK SHOWS, INTERVIEWS, BOOKS... A MOUNTAIN OF LIES THAT'S MADE HIM FAMOUS!
NOW LET'S GET TO WORK! TIME IS MONEY, ESPECIALLY WHEN OO CHANNEL IS PAYING! AM I RIGHT, ZOE? *GYEH GYEH!*
AS ALWAYS, MR. FANGUS!


OPEN THE CASE, YOUNGSTER! AND YOU START RECORDING, CAMERA 13!
CLACK
FLACK
TODAY OO NEWS' CAMERAS WILL GO WHERE NO ONE'S GONE BEFORE! TODAY WE WILL TOUCH THE BOTTOM, PEOPLE!
TODAY YOU WILL DISCOVER WHAT'S IN DUCK-LAIR TOWER'S ABYSS!
CHANNEL
THANKS TO THIS DRONE WE'LL DESCEND INTO THE DEPTHS OF THAT PIT!
HOW INTER-ESTING!
13
TAPE THE TENSION ON THE PEOPLE'S FACES! IT HAS TO BE A DRAMATIC MOMENT!
WHAT TENSION?
13
TAPE IT! WE'LL FIX EVERYTHING IN POST!
CONNECTION IS ENABLED! THE DRONE IS READY, SIR! DO YOU WANT ME TO PILOT IT? I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THESE DEVICES!

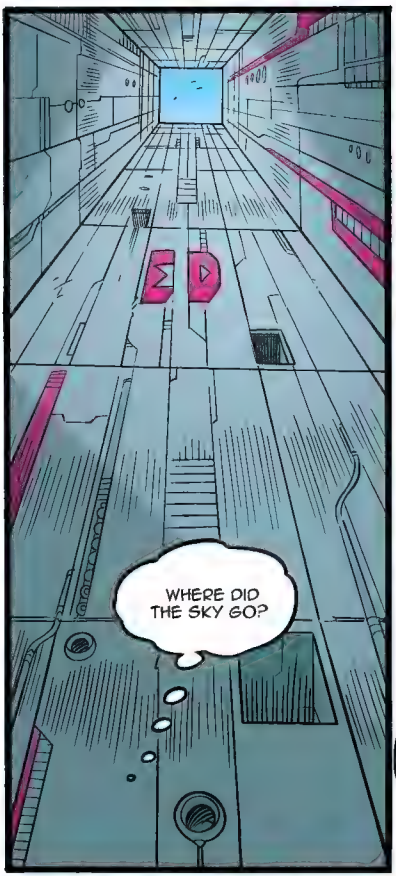

AND LET YOU GET CREDIT FOR THE DISCOVERY? GIVE IT HERE, YOU PEST! I KNOW WELL HOW TO MANEUVER THESE KINDS OF GIZMOS!
ZAFF
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO MAKE IT FLY! I HAD A RADIO-CONTROLLED AIRPLANE TOO WHEN I WAS A KID!
VRRRRR
ZEEEOOOOOW
OOPS!
URGH!
AAAURGH!
YOU TAKE IT!
!
OH, POOR THING! WHAT DO WE DO, ANGUS?
WHAT WE ALWAYS DO IN THESE CASES! GET THE PERSON'S NAME, SEND THEM A BASKET OF DRIED FRUIT AND TWO LINES OF APOLOGIES! BUT DON'T ADMIT GUILT!
AS FOR YOU... GUIDE THIS DEVILRY DOWN THERE! AND BE CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE ANY MORE MESSES!
VRRRRRRR


SILENCE SUDDENLY FALLS ON THE PLAZA, BROKEN ONLY BY THE DRONE'S BUZZING...
VRRRRRR...
POLICE
... AND AN INSTANT LATER THE DESCENT HAS BEGUN!
RRRR
VRRRRRR
WALLS OF CONCRETE? PAH! ENLARGE THE IMAGE, ORVILLE! LET ME SEE MORE!
KRAKLE
BZZZZZ
SERUNT! NOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

VRRRRRR
shrrraaazzz
KRRRZZZZ
WRA-ZZZAP
BUT... BUT... BUT... DAMMIT, ORVILLE! DO SOME-THING!
I'VE LOST CONTACT, SIR! THERE WAS A SYSTEM OVERLOAD! MAYBE THE DRONE BUMPED INTO AN ELECTRICAL CABLE OR MAYBE... MAYBE...
I DON'T KNOW!
BZZZ
KRAKLE
Shkrrrz
KRRRZZZ
CRUNH


WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS!
UH...
OW!
UHNNNNN...

HEY, PAL! ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?
I... UH...
YES... I JUST GOT A LITTLE DIZZY! I THINK I'LL HEAD BACK HOME...
GOOD IDEA! I'LL DO THE SAME!
WE'RE ONLY WASTING OUR TIME HERE! I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT HOLE!


WHERE DID THE SKY GO?

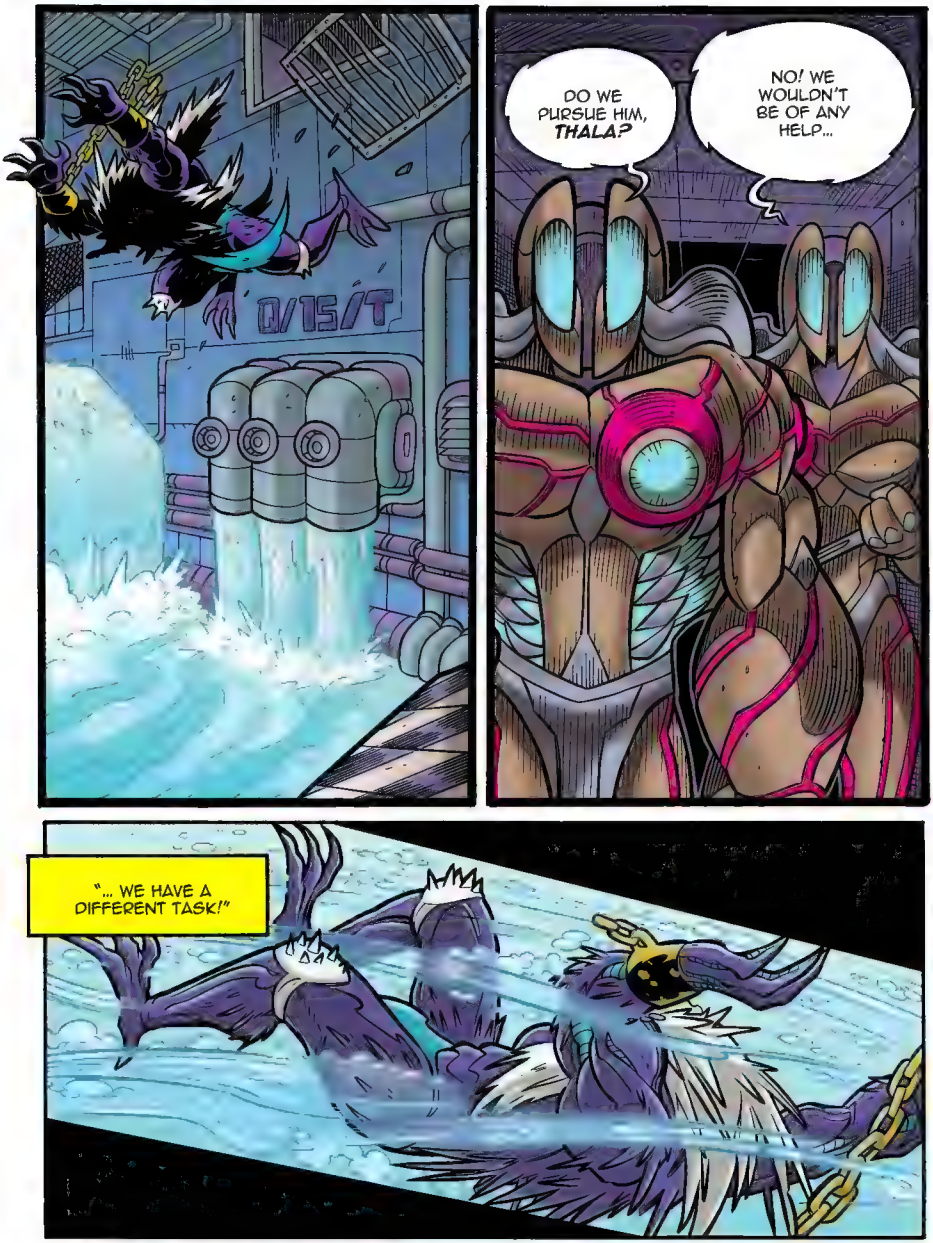
WHY IS IT SO FAR AWAY?

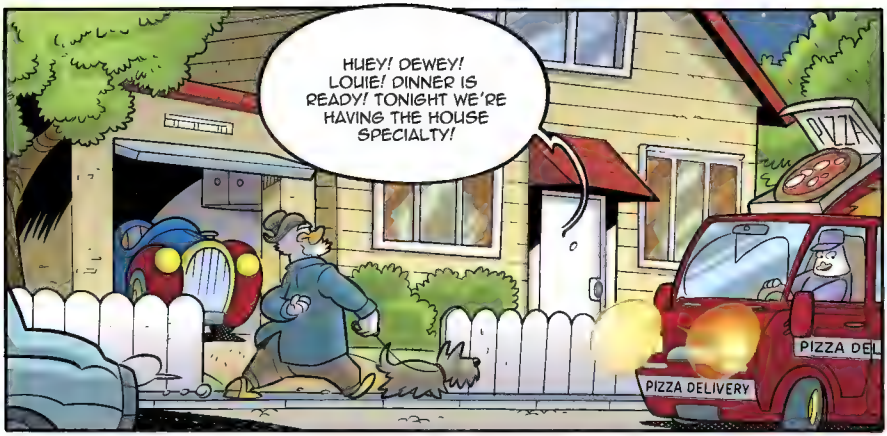
HE'S OUT THERE! I SENSE HIM!
NO!

IT'S THEM!
HE WENT THIS WAY!

MOVE IT!
I'M COMING...
I'M NOT GOING BACK IN THERE!

CRUNCH
I'LL NEVER GO BACK!
KRUNG


DO WE PURSUE HIM, THALA?
NO! WE WOULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP...
"... WE HAVE A DIFFERENT TASK!"


HUEY! DEWEY! LOUIE! DINNER IS READY! TONIGHT WE'RE HAVING THE HOUSE SPECIALTY!
PIZZA
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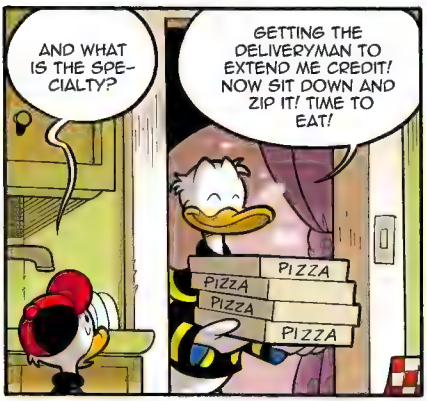
AND WHAT IS THE SPECIALTY?
GETTING THE DELIVERYMAN TO EXTEND ME CREDIT! NOW SIT DOWN AND ZIP IT! TIME TO EAT!
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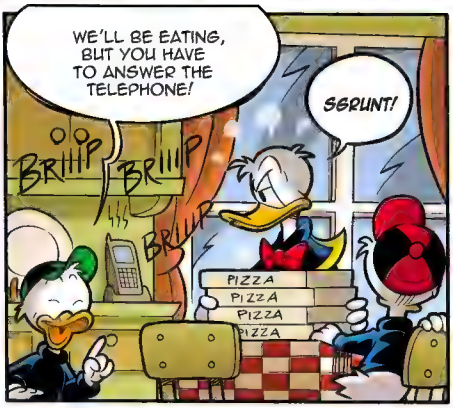
WE'LL BE EATING, BUT YOU HAVE TO ANSWER THE TELEPHONE!
SGRUNT!
BRRRP
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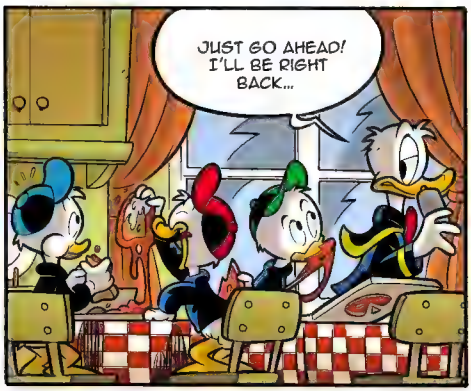
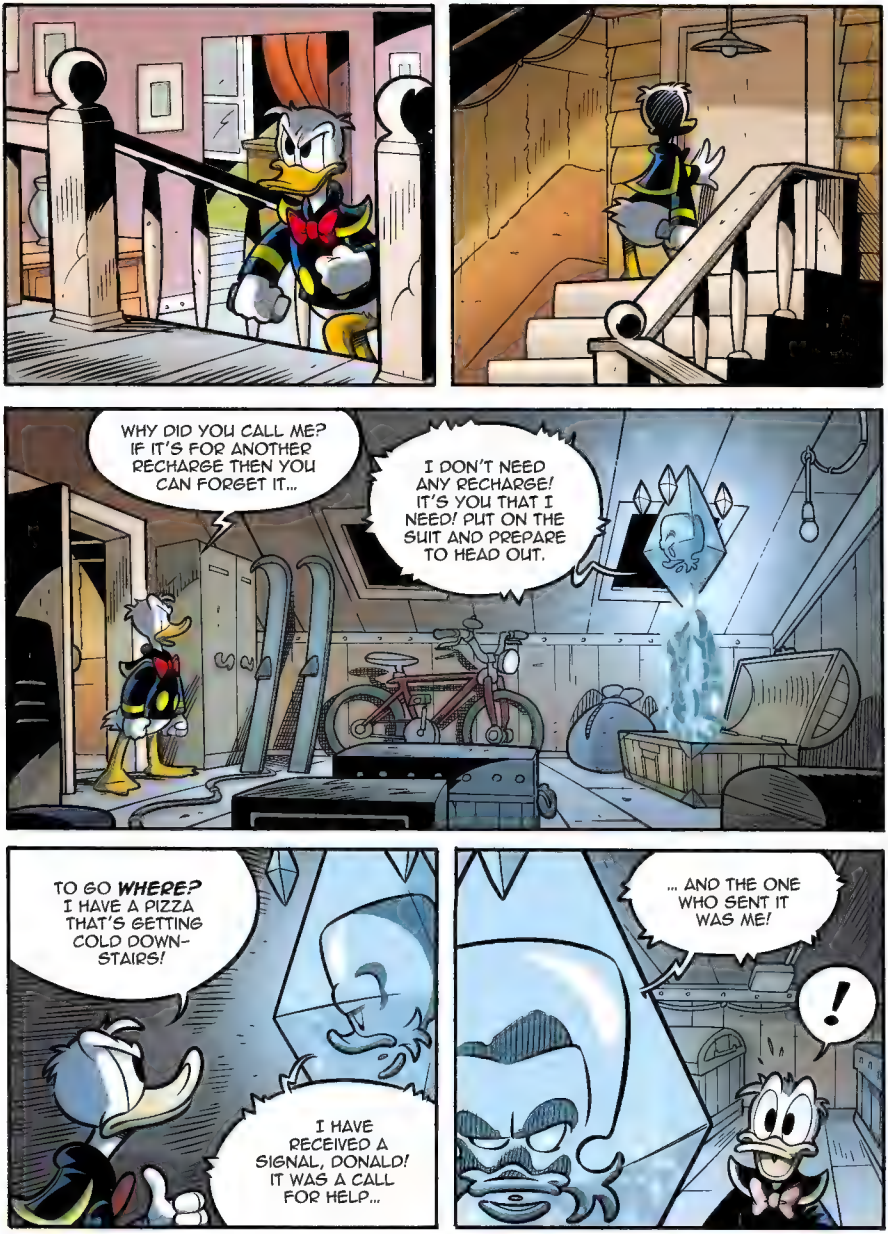
HELLO?
WHAT'S THAT?


JUST GO AHEAD! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...


WHY DID YOU CALL ME? IF IT'S FOR ANOTHER RECHARGE THEN YOU CAN FORGET IT...
I DON'T NEED ANY RECHARGE! IT'S YOU THAT I NEED! PUT ON THE SUIT AND PREPARE TO HEAD OUT.
TO GO *WHERE?* I HAVE A PIZZA THAT'S GETTING COLD DOWN-STAIRS!
I HAVE RECEIVED A SIGNAL, DONALD! IT WAS A CALL FOR HELP...
... AND THE ONE WHO SENT IT WAS ME!
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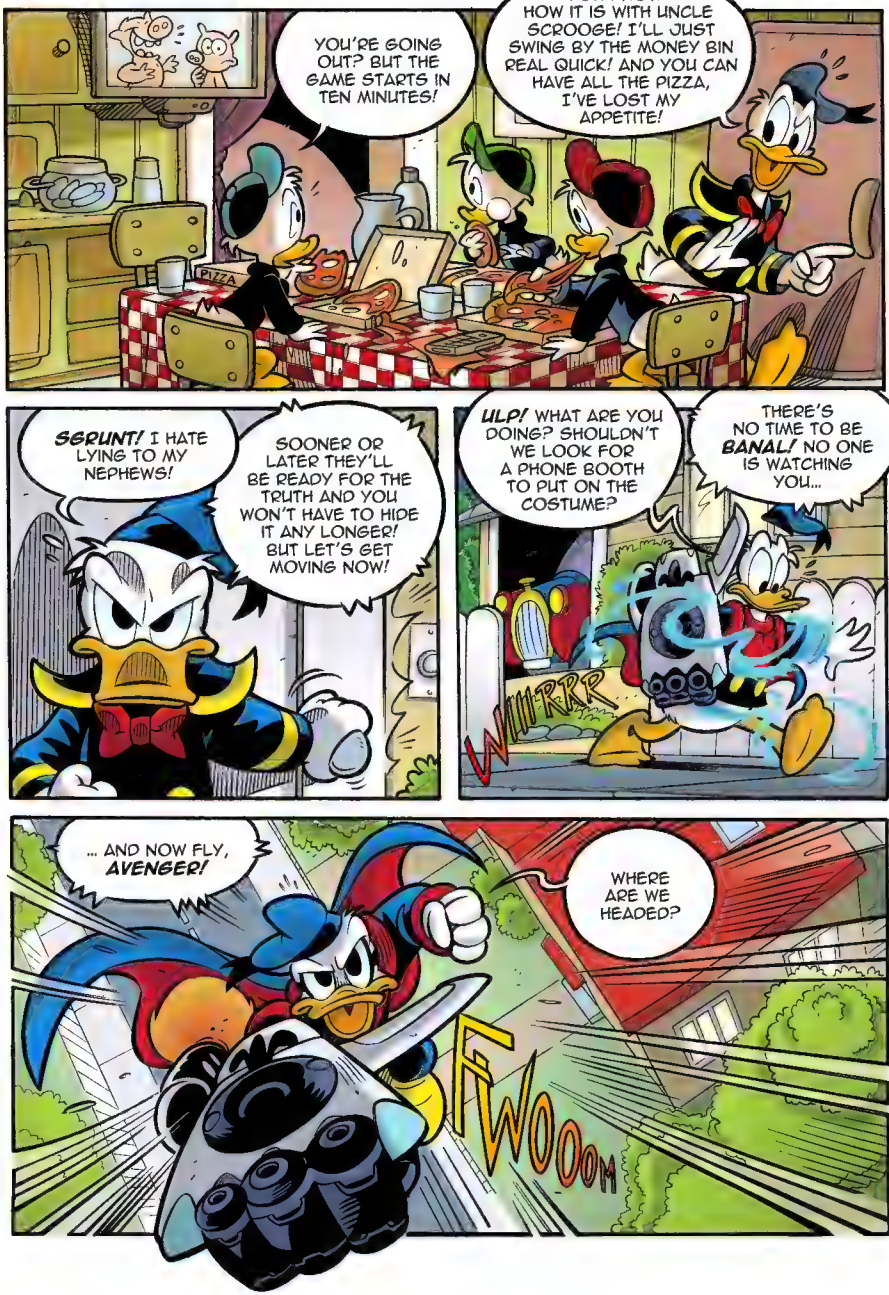
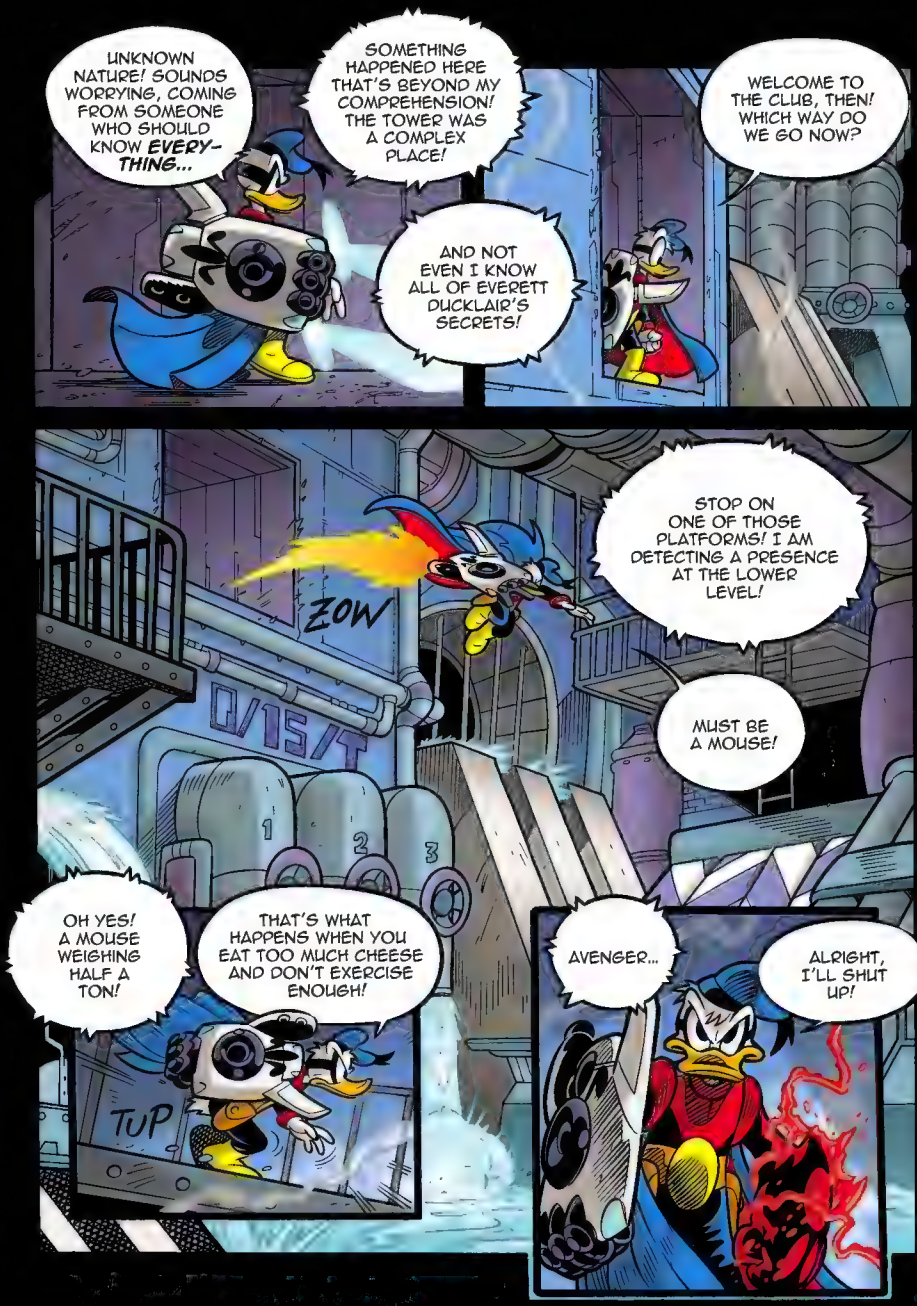
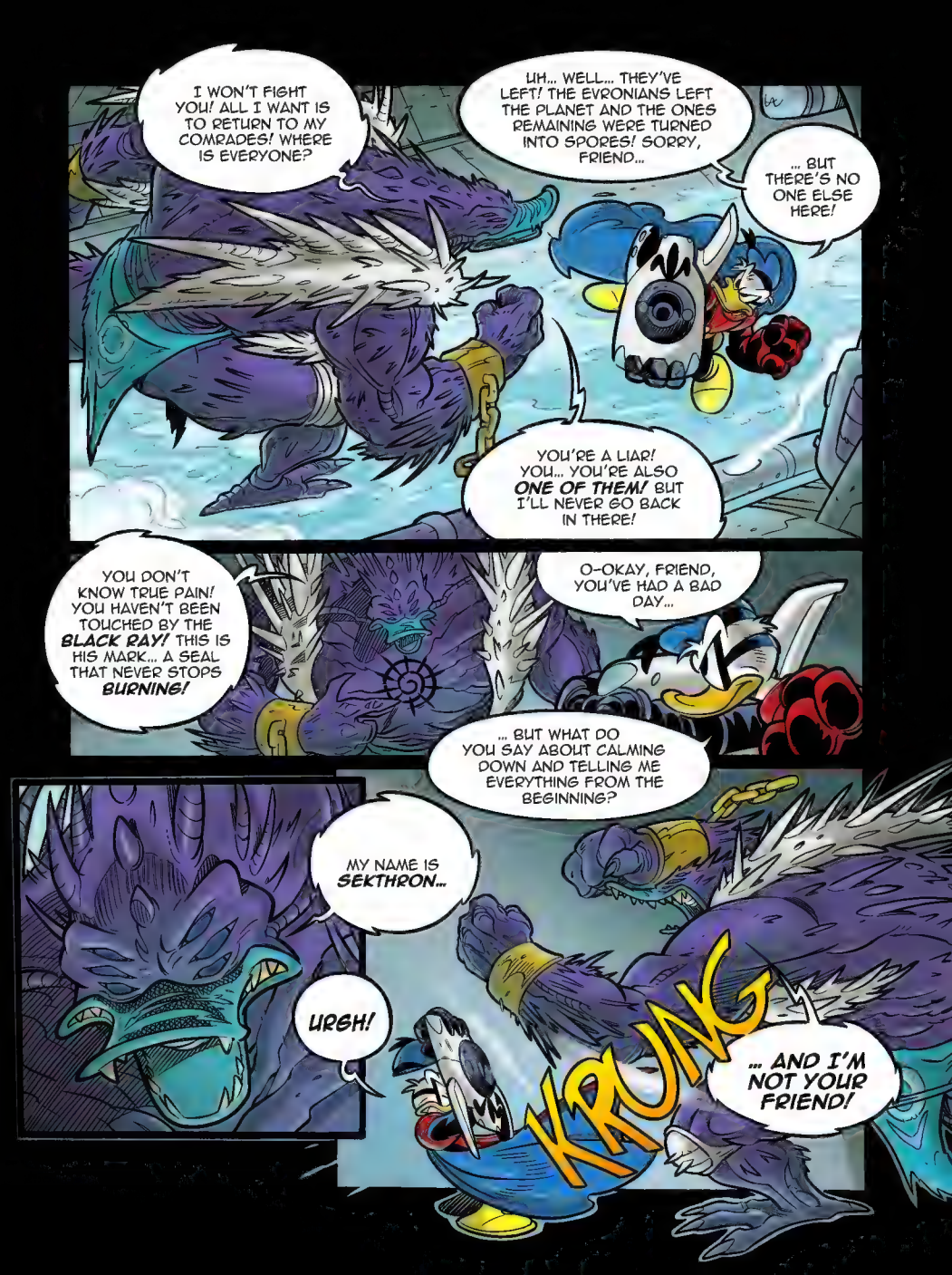

YOU'RE GOING OUT? BUT THE GAME STARTS IN TEN MINUTES!
YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH UNCLE SCROOGE! I'LL JUST SWING BY THE MONEY BIN REAL QUICK! AND YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE PIZZA, I'VE LOST MY APPETITE!
PIZZA
SGRUNT! I HATE LYING TO MY NEPHEWS!
SOONER OR LATER THEY'LL BE READY FOR THE TRUTH AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT ANY LONGER! BUT LET'S GET MOVING NOW!
ULP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SHOULDN'T WE LOOK FOR A PHONE BOOTH TO PUT ON THE COSTUME?
THERE'S NO TIME TO BE BANAL! NO ONE IS WATCHING YOU...
WHIRRR
... AND NOW FLY, AVENGER!
WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
FWOOOM

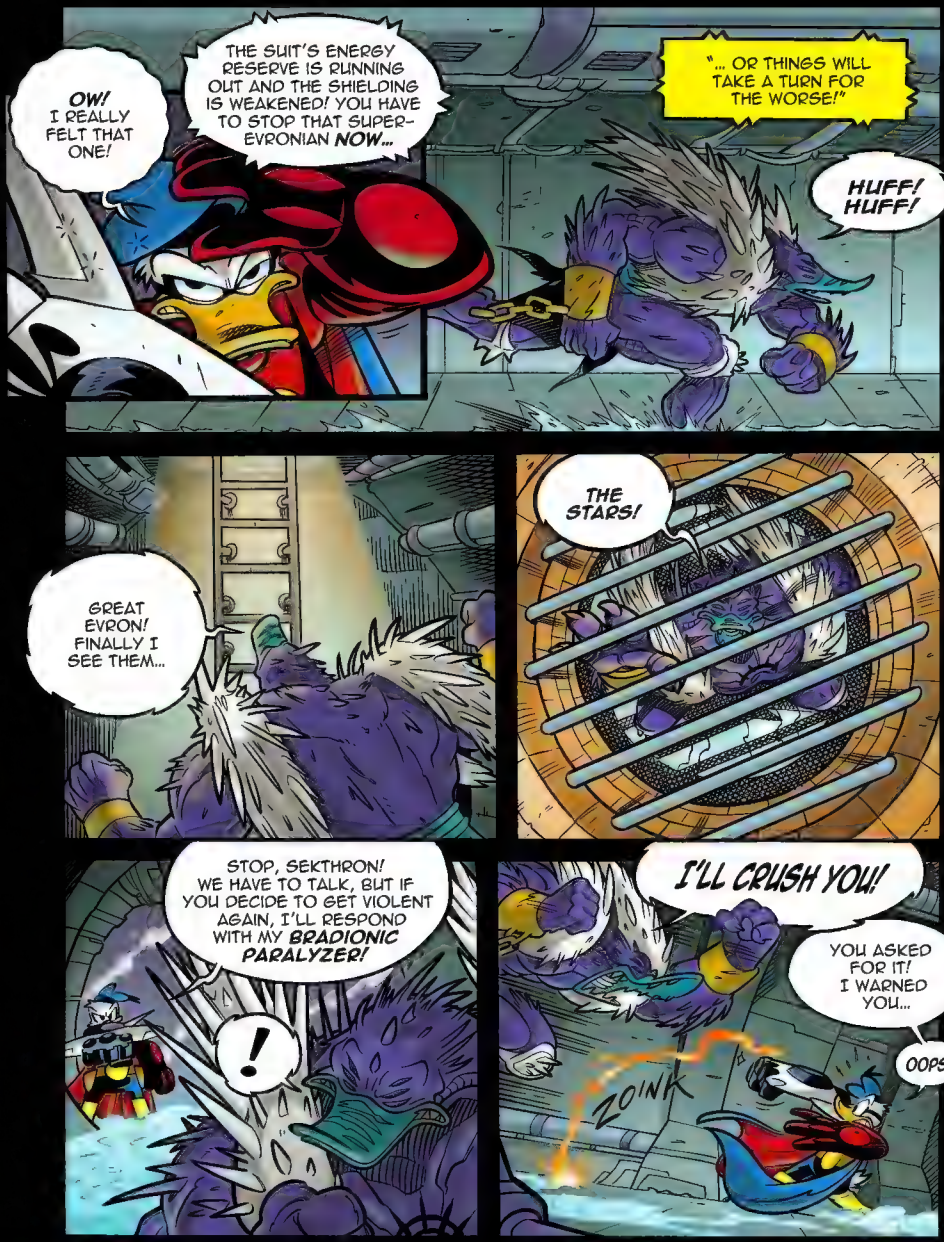
DUCKLAIR PLAZA! FOR SEVERAL DAYS I'VE BEEN RECEIVING A WEAK SIGNAL FROM THAT SECTOR! THE ONE TRANSMITTING IT IS MY MAIN UNIT...
... WHICH REMAINED IN THE OMEGA CHAMBER DURING THE EVRONIAN ATTACK!
LAST NIGHT THE TRACE BECAME CLEARER AND I NEEDED MUCH ENERGY TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE!
AND WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND OUT?
THE SIGNAL IS COMING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TOWER'S CRATER! PERHAPS MY MAIN UNIT IS BACK IN OPERATION AFTER THE DISASTER...
I TREMBLE AT THE THOUGHT! HAVING TO DEAL WITH A PAIR OF ONE WILL BE TOUGH, BUT WE'LL FIND A LITTLE CORNER IN THE ATTIC FOR HIM TOO!
I AM NOT ONE!
I KNOW THAT WELL, BUT IT PLEASES ME TO HEAR YOU SAY IT!

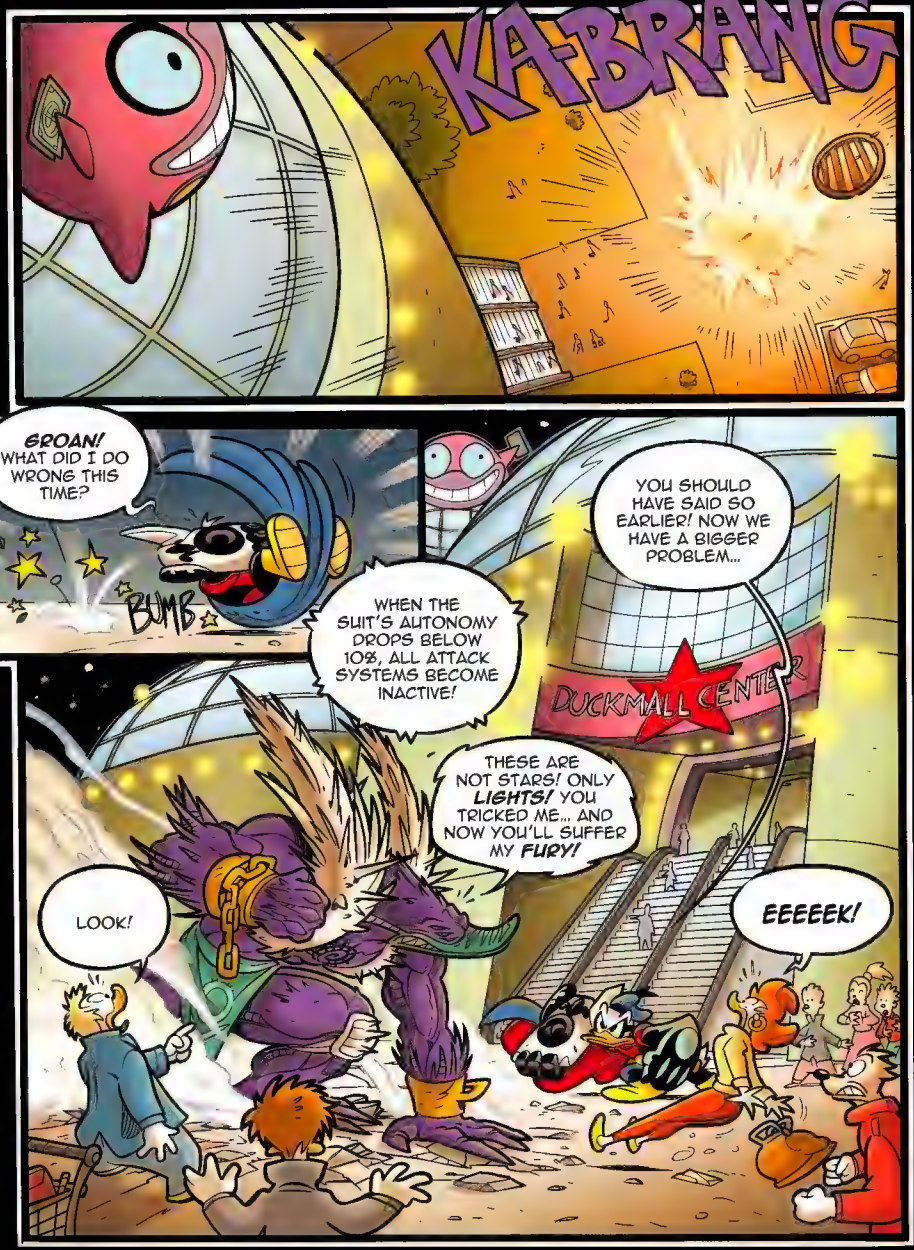
WOOOSH
HERE WE ARE, BUT I FEAR YOU'LL BE DISAPPOINTED! I DON'T SEE ANYTHING... AND THAT'S WHAT'S MOST ODD!
A ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE STORY BUILDING CAN'T COLLAPSE WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING A SPECK OF DUST!
MAYBE IT DIDN'T COLLAPSE! IT COULD HAVE SIMPLY... DISSOLVED!
ARE YOU DETECTING ANYTHING?
NO SIGNALS, BUT THERE IS A STRONG ENERGY EMISSION OF UNKNOWN NATURE!
A TRAIL THAT LEADS IN THAT DIRECTION!


UNKNOWN NATURE! SOUNDS WORRYING, COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO SHOULD KNOW EVERY-THING...
SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE THAT'S BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION! THE TOWER WAS A COMPLEX PLACE!
AND NOT EVEN I KNOW ALL OF EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S SECRETS!
WELCOME TO THE CLUB, THEN! WHICH WAY DO WE GO NOW?
ZOW
STOP ON ONE OF THOSE PLATFORMS! I AM DETECTING A PRESENCE AT THE LOWER LEVEL!
MUST BE A MOUSE!
OH YES! A MOUSE WEIGHING HALF A TON!
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU EAT TOO MUCH CHEESE AND DON'T EXERCISE ENOUGH!
TUP
AVENGER...
ALRIGHT, I'LL SHUT UP!

PROCEED WITH CAUTION! IT'S STANDING STILL BEHIND THAT WALL!
HEY! ANYBODY HOME? MAY I? I'M A FRIEND, I COME IN PEACE!
I-IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
IS IT REALLY YOU? DUCK AVENGER?
!
HELP ME...
... HELP ME, PLEASE!
THE SYMBOL ON HIS CHEST! IT'S THE SAME ONE I'VE SEEN IN MY DREAMS...


I WON'T FIGHT YOU! ALL I WANT IS TO RETURN TO MY COMRADES! WHERE IS EVERYONE?
UH... WELL... THEY'VE LEFT! THE EVRONIANS LEFT THE PLANET AND THE ONES REMAINING WERE TURNED INTO SPORES! SORRY, FRIEND...
... BUT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE!
YOU'RE A LIAR! YOU... YOU'RE ALSO ONE OF THEM! BUT I'LL NEVER GO BACK IN THERE!
YOU DON'T KNOW TRUE PAIN! YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TOUCHED BY THE BLACK RAY! THIS IS HIS MARK... A SEAL THAT NEVER STOPS BURNING!
O-OKAY, FRIEND, YOU'VE HAD A BAD DAY...
... BUT WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT CALMING DOWN AND TELLING ME EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING?
MY NAME IS SEKTHRON...
URGH!
KRUNG
... AND I'M NOT YOUR FRIEND!


OW! I REALLY FELT THAT ONE!
THE SUIT'S ENERGY RESERVE IS RUNNING OUT AND THE SHIELDING IS WEAKENED! YOU HAVE TO STOP THAT SUPER-EVRONIAN NOW...
"... OR THINGS WILL TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE!"
HUFF! HUFF!
GREAT EVRON! FINALLY I SEE THEM...
THE STARS!
STOP, SEKTHRON! WE HAVE TO TALK, BUT IF YOU DECIDE TO GET VIOLENT AGAIN, I'LL RESPOND WITH MY BRADIONIC PARALYZER!
!
I'LL CRUSH YOU!
YOU ASKED FOR IT! I WARNED YOU...
OOPS!
ZOINK


KA-BRANG
GROAN! WHAT DID I DO WRONG THIS TIME?
BUMB
WHEN THE SUIT'S AUTONOMY DROPS BELOW 10%, ALL ATTACK SYSTEMS BECOME INACTIVE!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SO EARLIER! NOW WE HAVE A BIGGER PROBLEM...
DUCKMALL CENTER
THESE ARE NOT STARS! ONLY LIGHTS! YOU TRICKED ME... AND NOW YOU'LL SUFFER MY FURY!
LOOK!
EEEEEK!

GRRRAW...
IT'S THE DUCK AVENGER!
EVERYONE BACK AWAY! GET OUT OF HERE! RUN!
RAAAAAH!
KRUMP
GET DOWN!
THANKS, HERO! NOW TEACH THAT GUY A LESSON!
NO CAN DO! ABANDON THE FIELD, DUCK AVENGER!
CUT AND RUN? THAT BEAST WILL LAY WASTE TO DUCKMALL CENTER! I CAN'T DO THAT!
AND YET YOU WILL! THIS IS NOT AN ESCAPE, BUT A STRATEGIC RETREAT!

OVER THERE IS A POWER PLANT! THAT MEANS ENERGY! AS MUCH AS IS NEEDED TO RECHARGE THE SUIT!
IN THAT CASE... BE RIGHT BACK, PEOPLE!
CENTER
I'LL GO FUEL UP AND THEN I'M ALL YOURS!
ARE YOU AFRAID, AVENGER? GET BACK HERE!
AND WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
HERE WE ARE! GET READY! IT WILL BE AS FAST AS LIGHTNING!
LIGHTNING IS WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT! REMEMBER THAT I AM THE ONE INSIDE THE SUIT!

WILL IT BE DANGER-OUS?
NO MORE THAN USUAL!
IN CASE I'M WRONG, DO YOU WISH TO LEAVE A FINAL HISTORIC PHRASE FOR POST-ERITY?
YES!
DON'T DO THIS AT HOME!
SKRAZZZ
ZZZHX

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SOLDIERS? WHERE IS MY SHIP?
TALK OR YOU WILL REPENT FOR YOUR DECEPTIONS AND...
FWOMP
RELAX, IT'S ONLY A SMALL BLACKOUT! MY BAD!
UH... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
!
I'VE BORROWED A FEW TOO MANY KILO-WATTS FROM DUCK-BURG'S ELECTRICAL COMPANY, BUT I HAD A GOOD REASON FOR IT...

KRA-POW
... AND THAT REASON IS *YOU!*
YOU REALLY ARE UNABLE TO WORK IN SILENCE! IT'S STRONGER THAN YOU!
COME ON! WE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS! THIS IS MY STYLE! FIND ANOTHER MASKED DUCK IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT!
SEE? EVEN YOU HAVE GOOD IDEAS EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE!
DUCK MALL
WELL, NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO COME UP WITH ONE! WHAT DO WE DO WITH SEKTHRON? I CAN'T HIDE HIM IN THE ATTIC!
WE'LL RETURN TO THE TOWER'S UNDERGROUND LEVEL...
... WHERE WE FIRST FOUND HIM!
NO! THEY WON'T DRAG ME BACK DOWN THERE...

NOOO!
URGH! STOP THAT! YOU'LL MAKE US FALL!
CORRECT THE COURSE, AVENGER! WE'RE GOING DOWN!
WOOOOOOOOO
THANKS, I NOTICED!
WHUD
OUFF!
FOR THE GLORY OF EVRON!
SKREEEE
AW! WHY DON'T YOU SHUT YOUR BEAK?
SKRANG
NNNGH!
THIS IS THE END, DUCK...
UFF!

STAY AWAY FROM HIM, EVRONIAN!
!
ED
ED
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO RETURN HOME!
NYAAAAAH!
FZOOOSH
LOWER YOUR SHIELD, DUCK AVENGER!
SO YOU CAN PINCH ME MORE EASILY? NO THANKS!
WE ARE FRIENDS, DUCK! PERHAPS YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE US WHEN WEARING THESE ARMORS...

MY NAME IS RAKSAKA AND SHE IS THALA...
WE ARE THE GARGOYLES OF DUCKLAIR TOWER!
GLAB! THE TWO STATUES? W-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS! BEYOND THIS PASSAGE YOU WILL BE GREETED WITH THE ANSWER TO MANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS... AND A NEW TEST!
THIS MEETING WAS UNHOPED FOR! WE HAVE NEED OF YOU, DUCK AVENGER! YOUR WORLD IS IN DANGER!
AGAIN? SIGH!
THAT WHICH WAS CLOSED WILL RETURN TO BEING SO, SAID THE SAGES OF DHASAM-BUL... AND THAT IS OUR MISSION!
WE MUST STOP THE THREAT THAT LIVES ON THE OTHER SIDE FROM REACHING THE WORLD OF HUMANS! WILL YOU FOLLOW US?
I NEED YOUR ADVICE, BLUE! WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA TO RESPOND, BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT I'VE NEVER FELT MY MAIN UNIT'S SIGNAL THIS STRONG... AND IT'S COMING FROM IN THERE!

ALRIGHT! I'M NOT LEFT WITH MUCH OF A CHOICE! WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL?
EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE...
!
... AND THIS IS THE PRISON OF MOLDROCK!
THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! ALL WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT PART OF THIS STORY!

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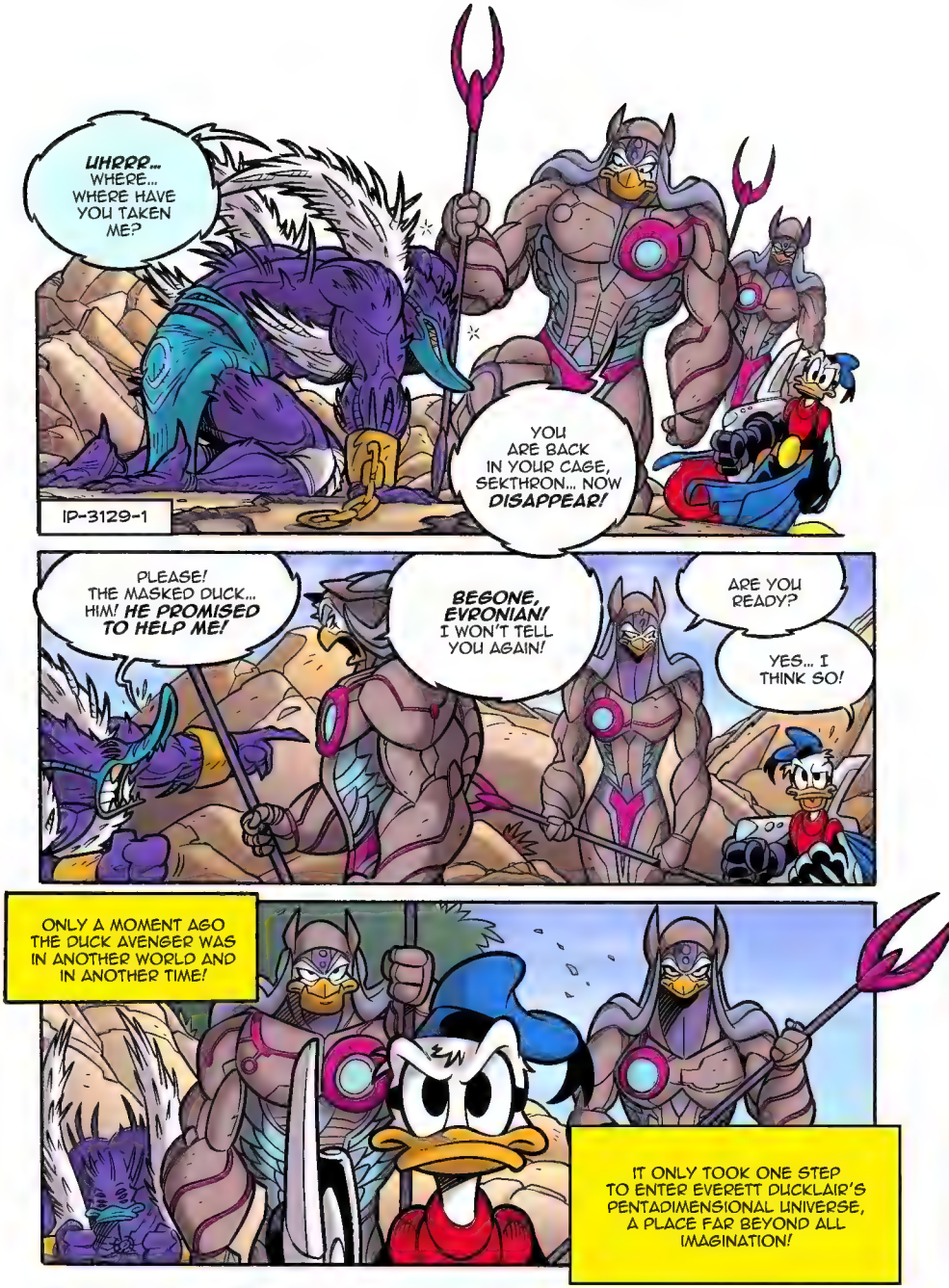
UHRRR... WHERE... WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN ME?
YOU ARE BACK IN YOUR CAGE, SEKTHRON... NOW DISAPPEAR!
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PLEASE! THE MASKED DUCK... HIM! HE PROMISED TO HELP ME!
BEGONE, EVRONIAN! I WON'T TELL YOU AGAIN!
ARE YOU READY?
YES... I THINK SO!
ONLY A MOMENT AGO THE DUCK AVENGER WAS IN ANOTHER WORLD AND IN ANOTHER TIME!
IT ONLY TOOK ONE STEP TO ENTER EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE, A PLACE FAR BEYOND ALL IMAGINATION!

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A DISTANT PLACE WHERE THERE IS STILL A SPOT ONE CAN CALL *HOME!*

THIS IS TRULY INCREDIBLE! IT REALLY IS *DUCKLAIR TOWER!*

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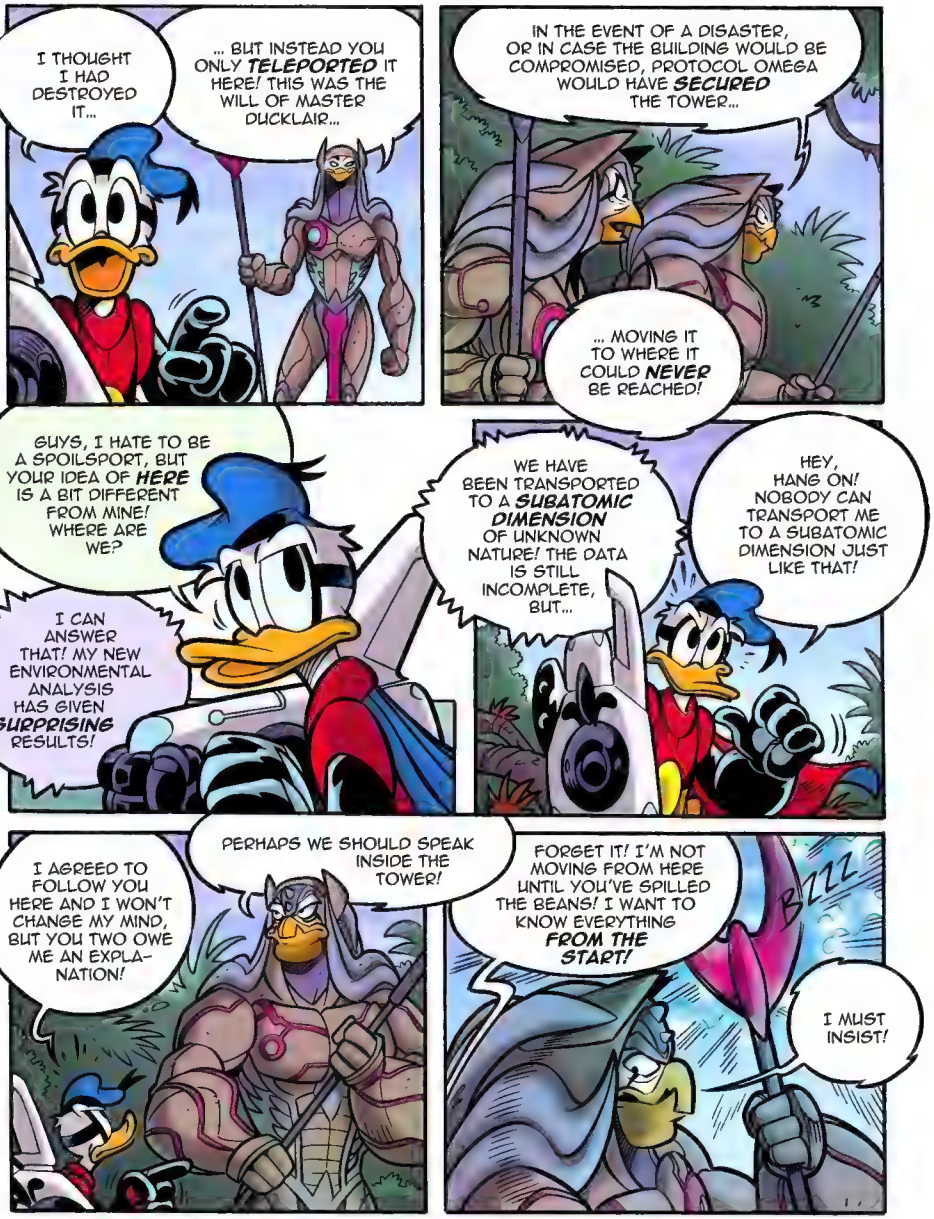
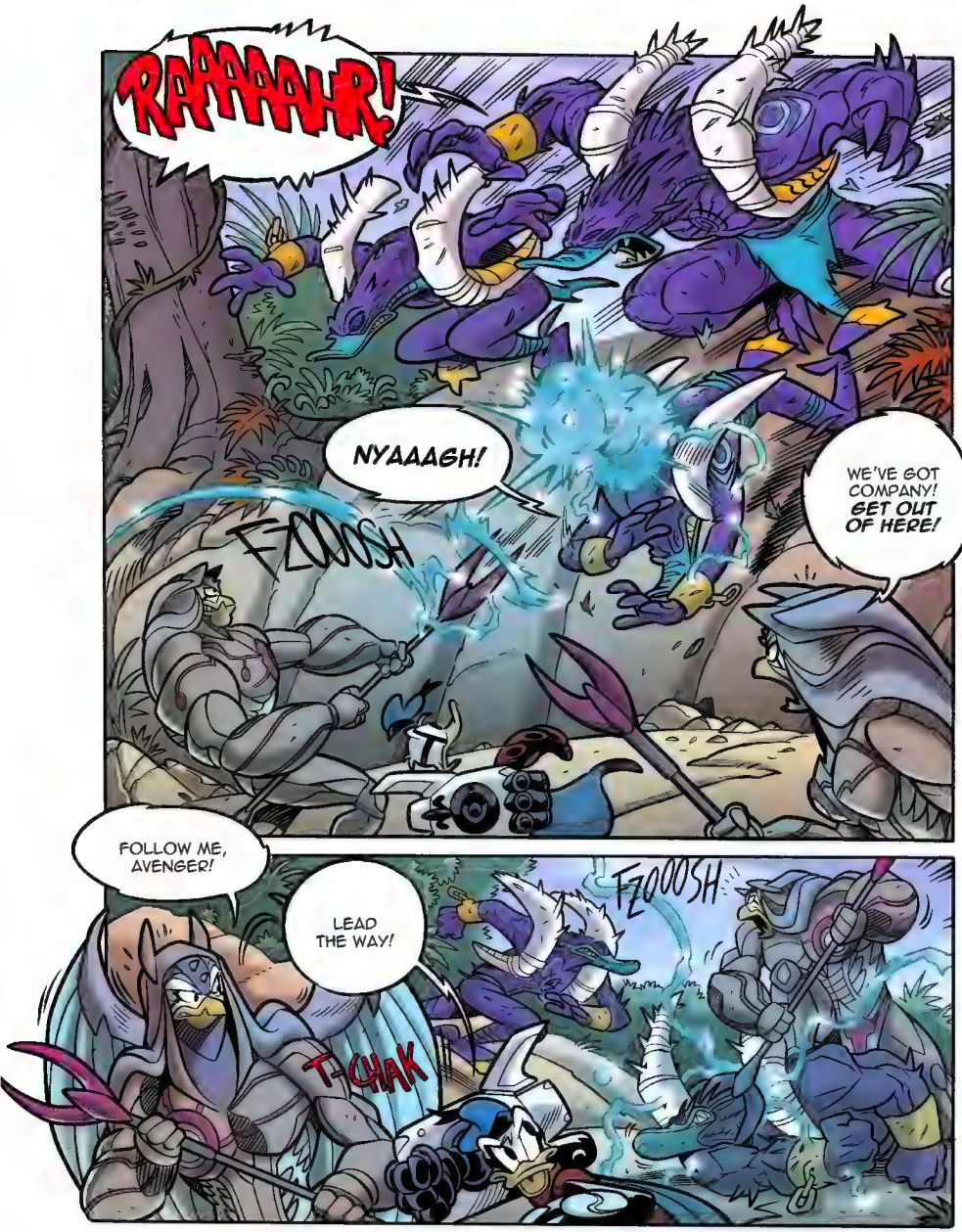
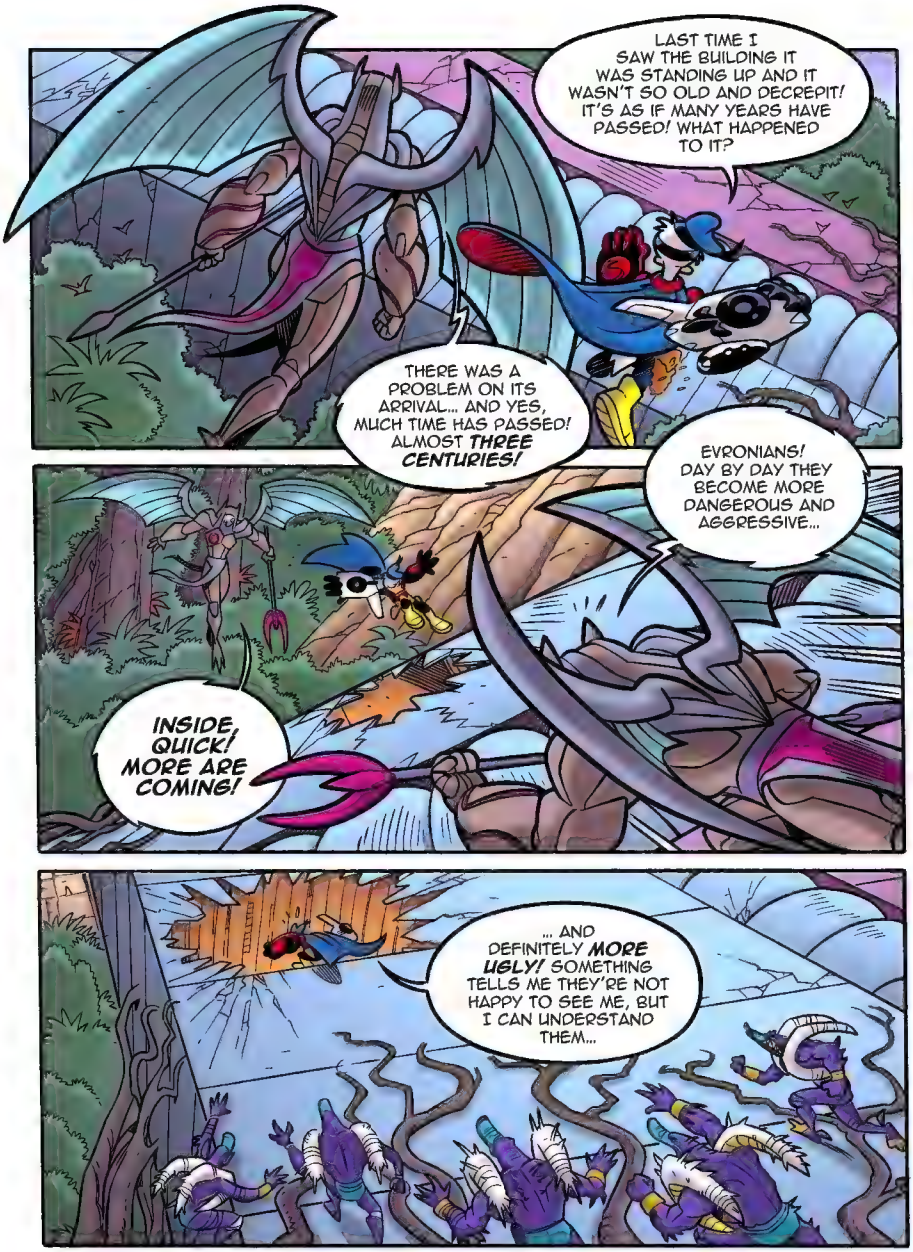
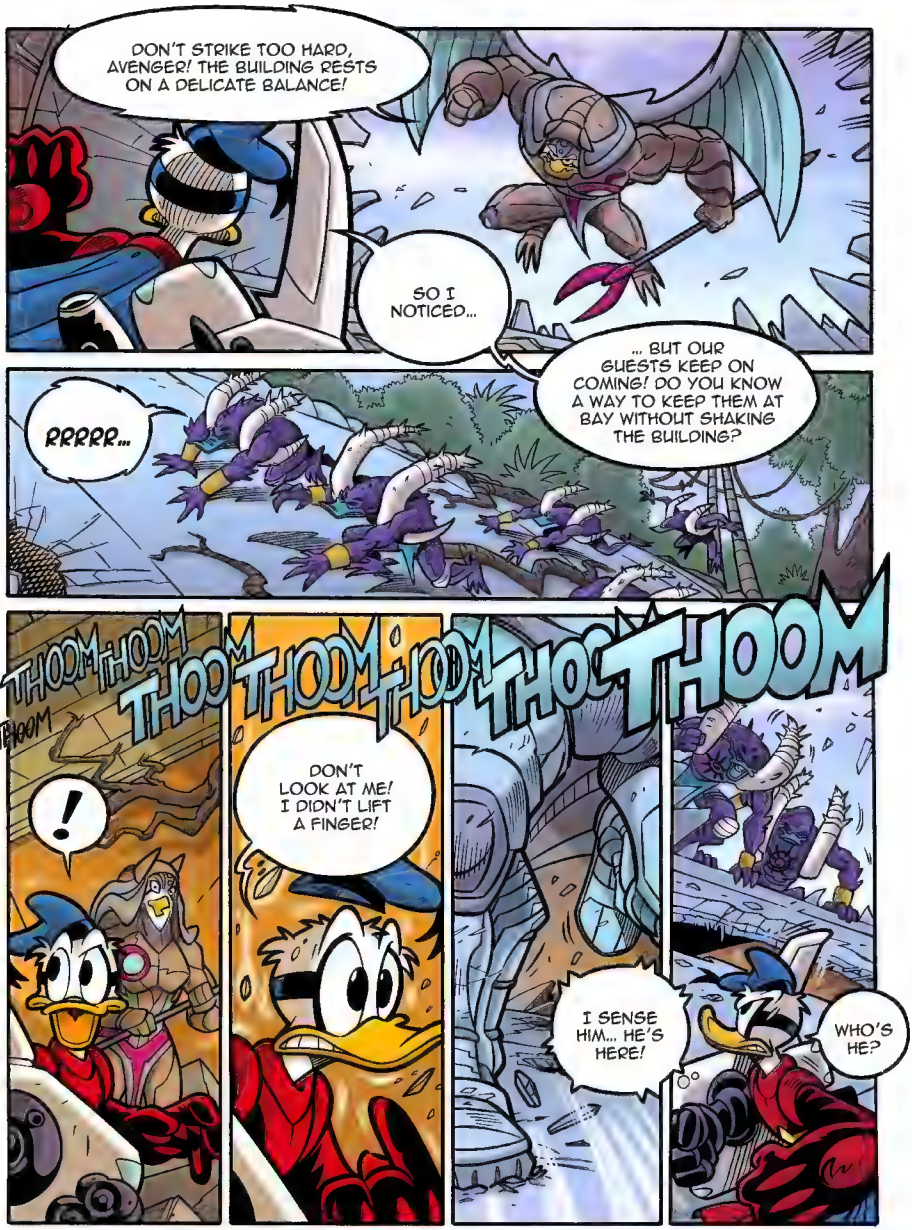
PART TWO

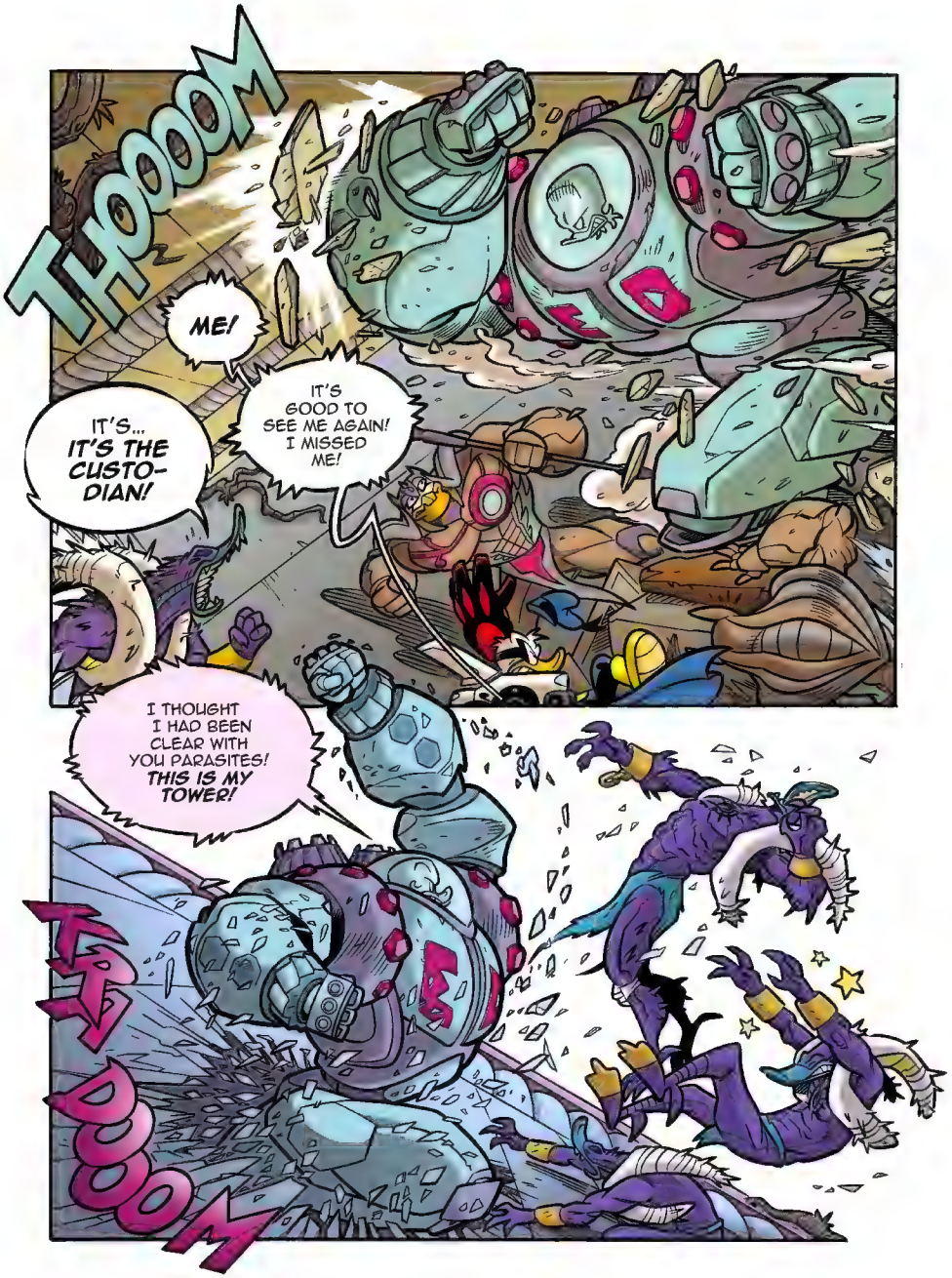

I THOUGHT I HAD DESTROYED IT...
... BUT INSTEAD YOU ONLY TELEPORTED IT HERE! THIS WAS THE WILL OF MASTER DUCKLAIR...
IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER, OR IN CASE THE BUILDING WOULD BE COMPROMISED, PROTOCOL OMEGA WOULD HAVE SECURED THE TOWER...
... MOVING IT TO WHERE IT COULD NEVER BE REACHED!
GUYS, I HATE TO BE A SPOILSPORT, BUT YOUR IDEA OF HERE IS A BIT DIFFERENT FROM MINE! WHERE ARE WE?
I CAN ANSWER THAT! MY NEW ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS HAS GIVEN SURPRISING RESULTS!
WE HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO A SUBATOMIC DIMENSION OF UNKNOWN NATURE! THE DATA IS STILL INCOMPLETE, BUT...
HEY, HANG ON! NOBODY CAN TRANSPORT ME TO A SUBATOMIC DIMENSION JUST LIKE THAT!
I AGREED TO FOLLOW YOU HERE AND I WON'T CHANGE MY MIND, BUT YOU TWO OWE ME AN EXPLA-NATION!
PERHAPS WE SHOULD SPEAK INSIDE THE TOWER!
FORGET IT! I'M NOT MOVING FROM HERE UNTIL YOU'VE SPILLED THE BEANS! I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING FROM THE START!
BZZZ
I MUST INSIST!


RAAAAAHR!
NYAAAGH!
FZOOOSH
WE'VE GOT COMPANY! GET OUT OF HERE!
FOLLOW ME, AVENGER!
LEAD THE WAY!
T-CHAK
FZOOOSH

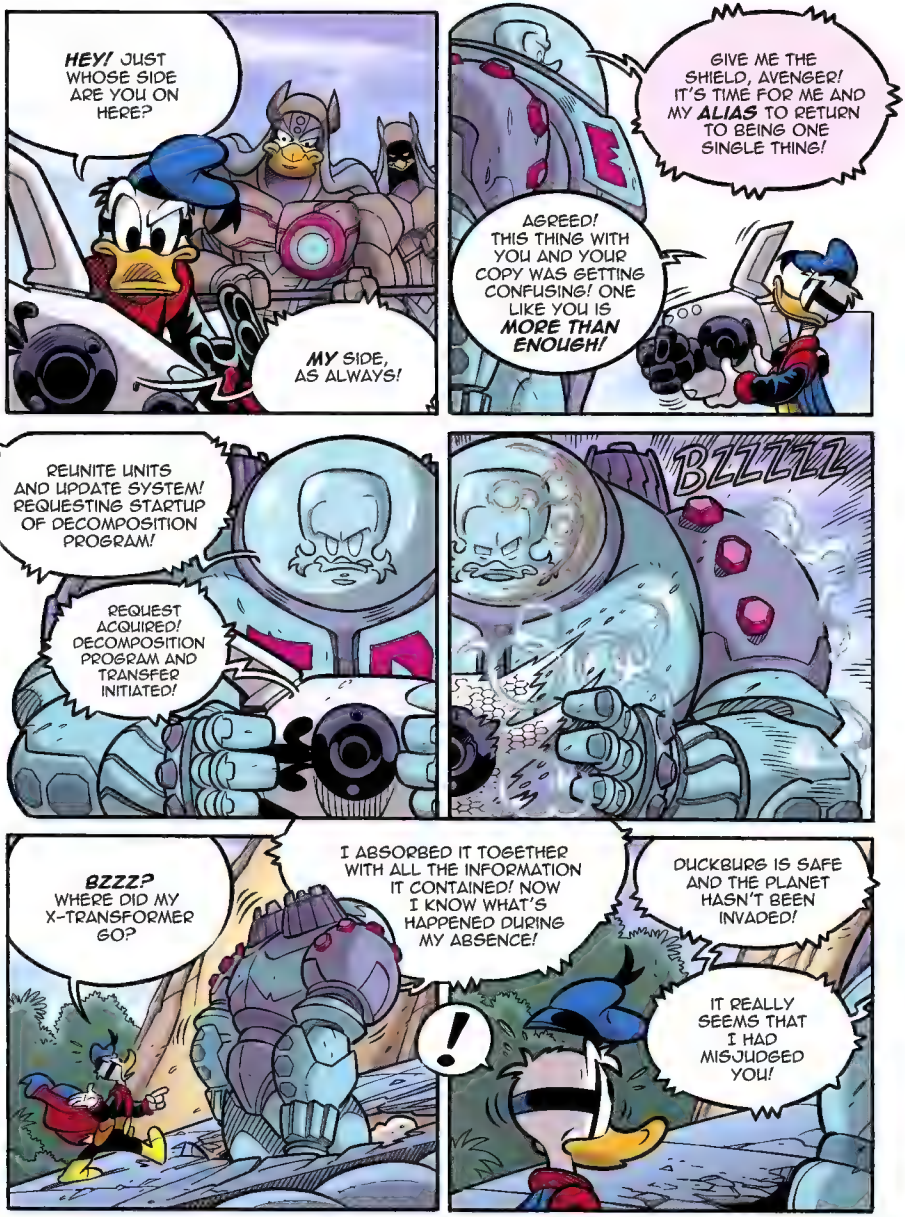

LAST TIME I SAW THE BUILDING IT WAS STANDING UP AND IT WASN'T SO OLD AND DECREPIT! IT'S AS IF MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED! WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?
THERE WAS A PROBLEM ON ITS ARRIVAL... AND YES, MUCH TIME HAS PASSED! ALMOST THREE CENTURIES!
EVRONIANS! DAY BY DAY THEY BECOME MORE DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE...
INSIDE, QUICK! MORE ARE COMING!
... AND DEFINITELY MORE UGLY! SOMETHING TELLS ME THEY'RE NOT HAPPY TO SEE ME, BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND THEM...

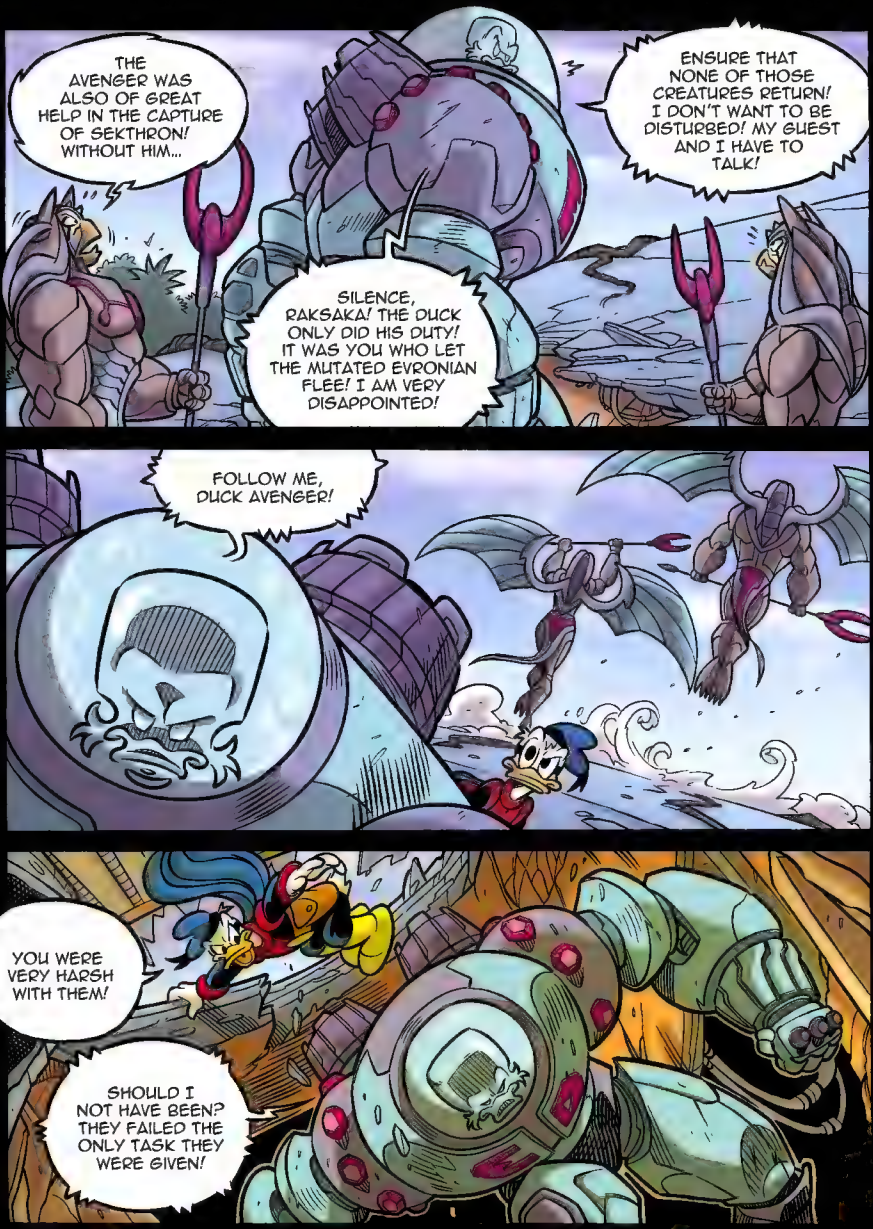
THEY WERE TRAPPED IN THIS WORLD AFTER BEING LOCKED INSIDE DUCKLAIR TOWER! IN A WAY IT WAS I WHO SENT THEM HERE...
DO YOU PERHAPS WISH TO SAY SORRY?
WELL, I AM A DUCK WITH GOOD MANNERS...
WHEEEE
FZAAAW
... BUT, IN RETROSPECT, THEY'RE STILL EVRONIANS!
KRUMBLE
AGH!

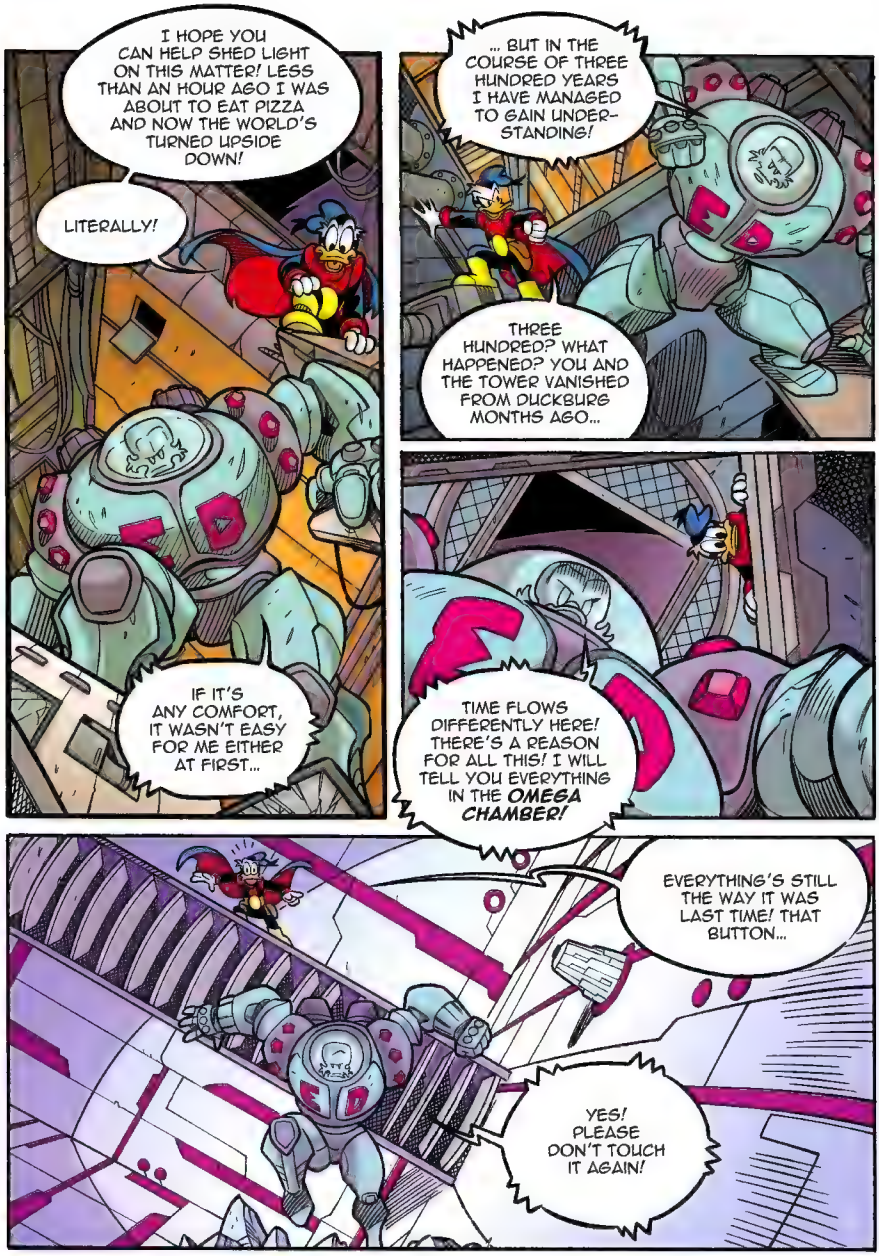

DON'T STRIKE TOO HARD, AVENGER! THE BUILDING RESTS ON A DELICATE BALANCE!
SO I NOTICED...
... BUT OUR GUESTS KEEP ON COMING! DO YOU KNOW A WAY TO KEEP THEM AT BAY WITHOUT SHAKING THE BUILDING?
RRRRR...
THOOM THOOM THOOM TBROOM
!
DON'T LOOK AT ME! I DIDN'T LIFT A FINGER!
THOOM THOOM THOOM THOOM
I SENSE HIM... HE'S HERE!
WHO'S HE?

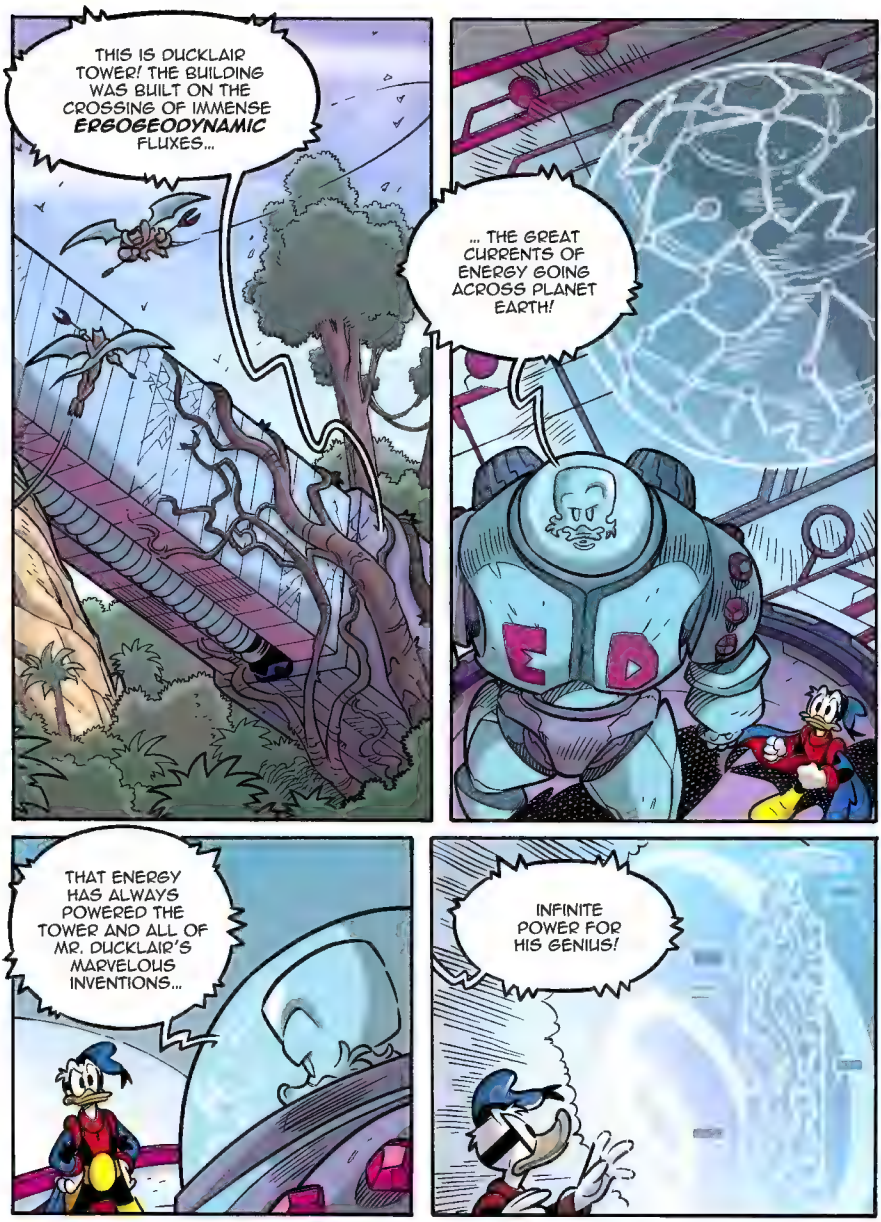

THOOOM
ME!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE ME AGAIN! I MISSED ME!
IT'S... IT'S THE CUSTO-DIAN!
I THOUGHT I HAD BEEN CLEAR WITH YOU PARASITES! THIS IS MY TOWER!
KA DOOM

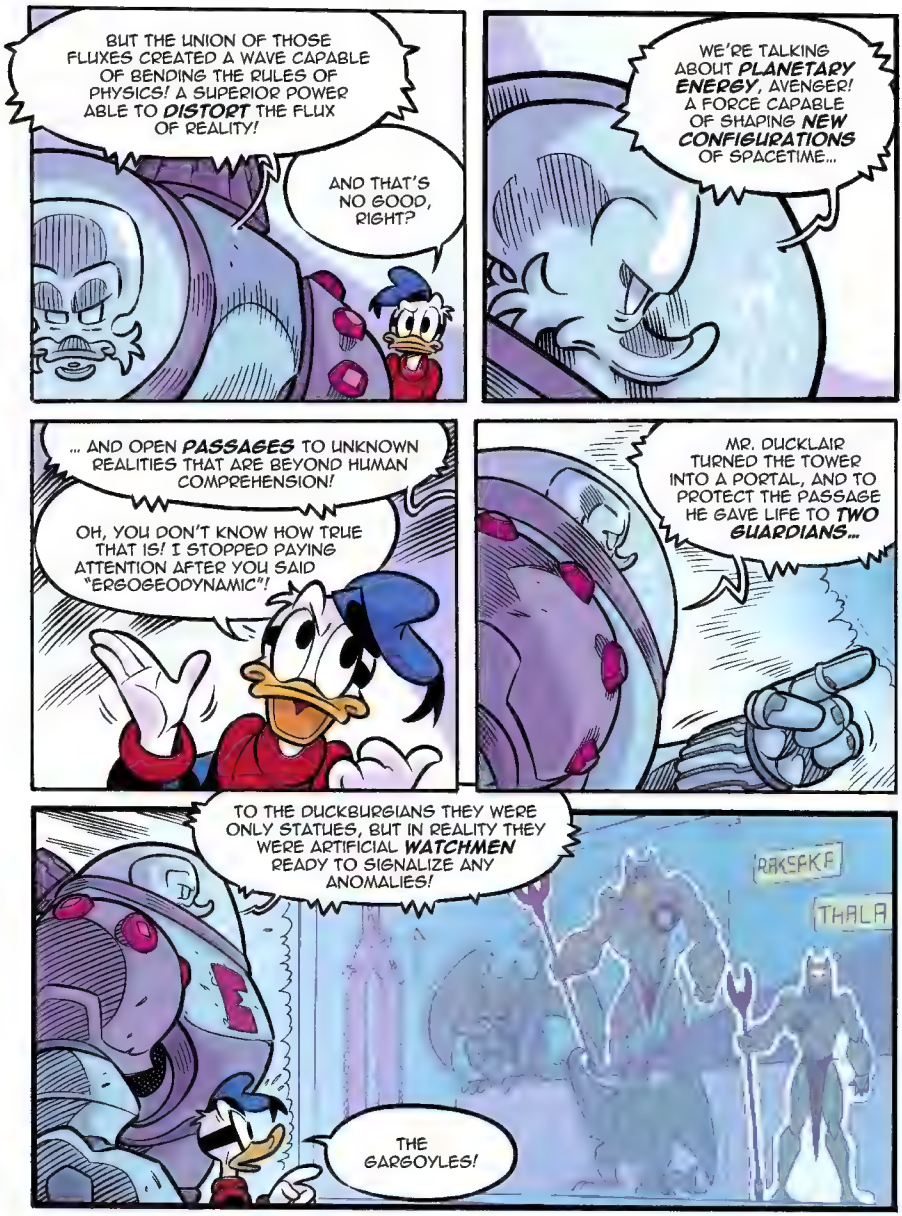
THIS IS MY TOWER!
UH... HEY... HELLO!
YOU ARE LATE!
WE DIDN'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT! WE GOT HERE RIGHT AFTER RECEIVING YOUR SIGNAL!
AND YOUR DREAMS, AVENGER? I SENT MY PSYCHOPULSES EVERY DAY! WHAT YOU INTERPRETED AS NIGHTMARES WAS ACTUALLY A CALL FOR HELP!
YOU COULD HAVE CALLED!
CONSIDERING THE TOTAL TIME YOU SPEND SLEEPING, I WAS CERTAIN THIS WAS THE SIMPLEST WAY TO REACH YOU!
WELL... I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN REGARDLESS! YOU LOOK GOOD!
YOUR SWEATING HAS INCREASED AND YOUR ADRENALINE LEVELS ARE ABOVE NORMAL! YOU'RE LYING!

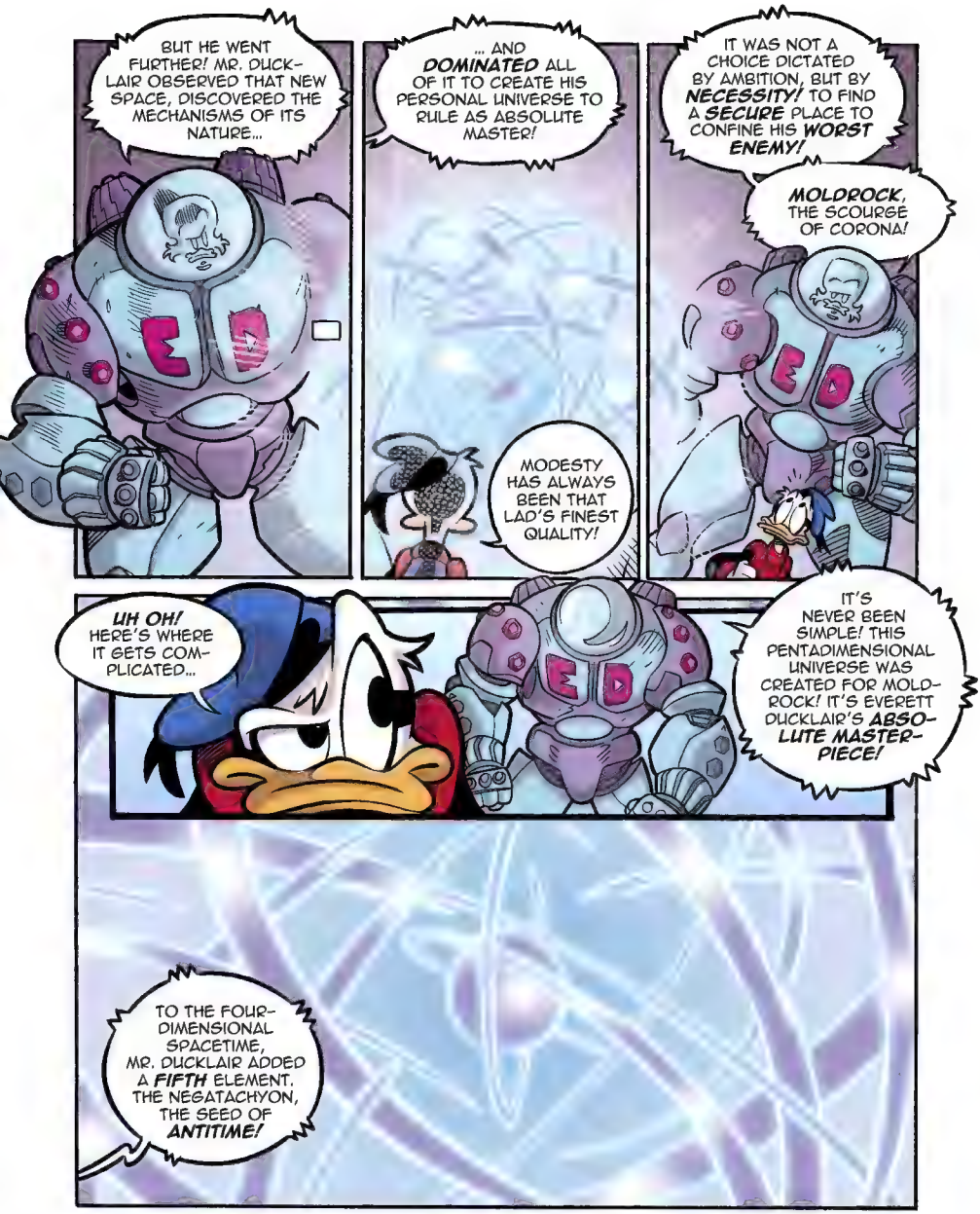

HEY! JUST WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON HERE?
MY SIDE, AS ALWAYS!
GIVE ME THE SHIELD, AVENGER! IT'S TIME FOR ME AND MY ALIAS TO RETURN TO BEING ONE SINGLE THING!
AGREED! THIS THING WITH YOU AND YOUR COPY WAS GETTING CONFUSING! ONE LIKE YOU IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
REUNITE UNITS AND UPDATE SYSTEM! REQUESTING STARTUP OF DECOMPOSITION PROGRAM!
REQUEST ACQUIRED! DECOMPOSITION PROGRAM AND TRANSFER INITIATED!
BZZZZZ
BZZZ? WHERE DID MY X-TRANSFORMER GO?
I ABSORBED IT TOGETHER WITH ALL THE INFORMATION IT CONTAINED! NOW I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED DURING MY ABSENCE!
!
DUCKBURG IS SAFE AND THE PLANET HASN'T BEEN INVADED!
IT REALLY SEEMS THAT I HAD MISJUDGED YOU!

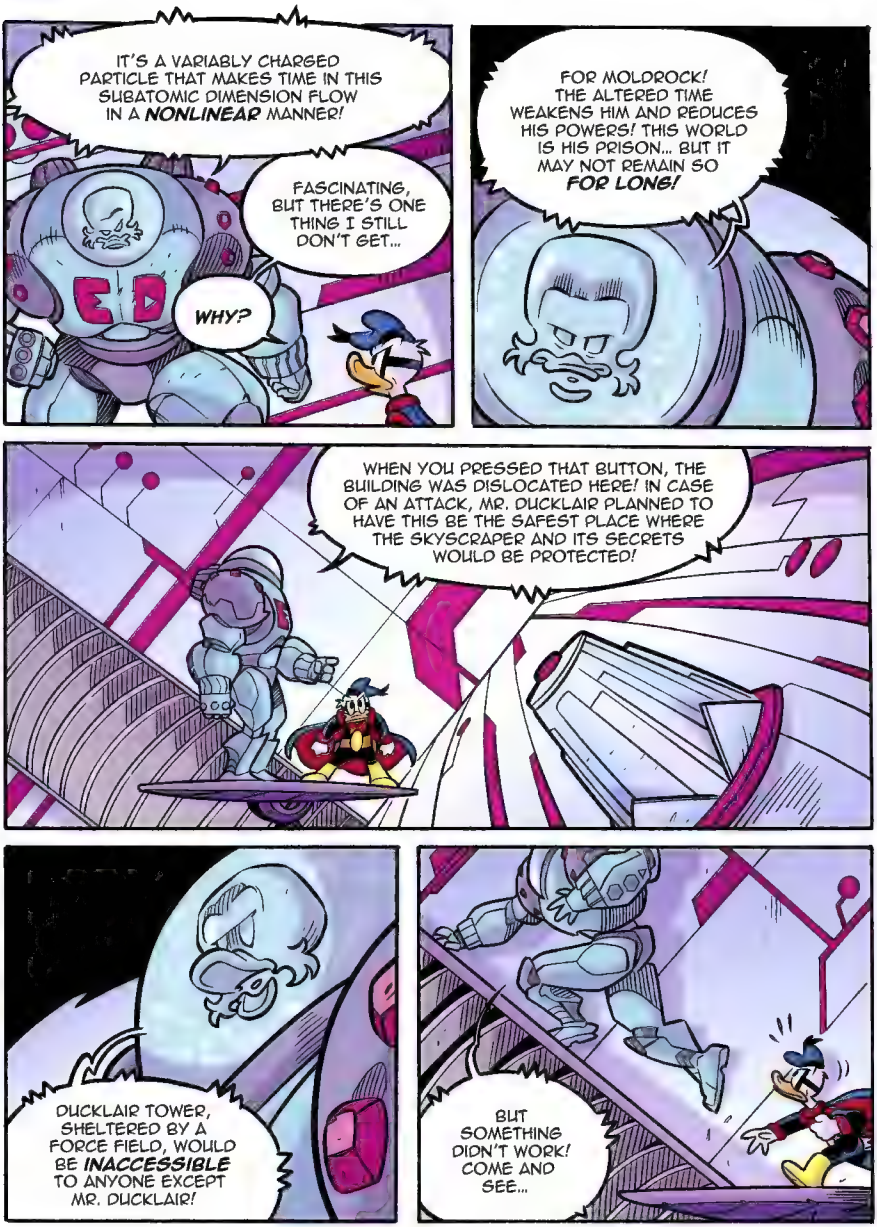

THE AVENGER WAS ALSO OF GREAT HELP IN THE CAPTURE OF SEKTHRON! WITHOUT HIM...
ENSURE THAT NONE OF THOSE CREATURES RETURN! I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED! MY GUEST AND I HAVE TO TALK!
SILENCE, RAKSAKA! THE DUCK ONLY DID HIS DUTY! IT WAS YOU WHO LET THE MUTATED EVRONIAN FLEE! I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED!
FOLLOW ME, DUCK AVENGER!
YOU WERE VERY HARSH WITH THEM!
SHOULD I NOT HAVE BEEN? THEY FAILED THE ONLY TASK THEY WERE GIVEN!

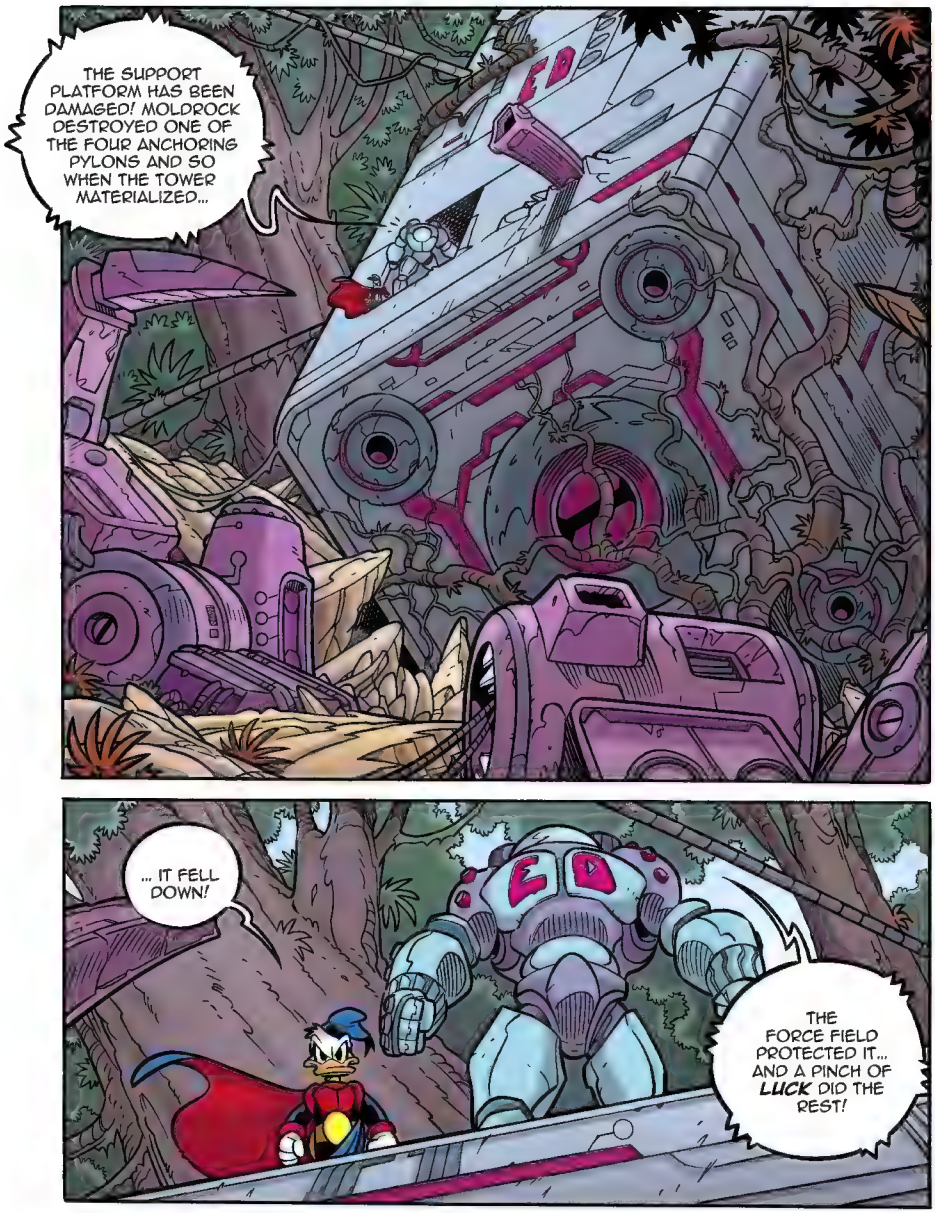

I HOPE YOU CAN HELP SHED LIGHT ON THIS MATTER! LESS THAN AN HOUR AGO I WAS ABOUT TO EAT PIZZA AND NOW THE WORLD'S TURNED UPSIDE DOWN!
LITERALLY!
IF IT'S ANY COMFORT, IT WASN'T EASY FOR ME EITHER AT FIRST...
... BUT IN THE COURSE OF THREE HUNDRED YEARS I HAVE MANAGED TO GAIN UNDER-STANDING!
THREE HUNDRED? WHAT HAPPENED? YOU AND THE TOWER VANISHED FROM DUCKBURG MONTHS AGO...
TIME FLOWS DIFFERENTLY HERE! THERE'S A REASON FOR ALL THIS! I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING IN THE OMEGA CHAMBER!
EVERYTHING'S STILL THE WAY IT WAS LAST TIME! THAT BUTTON...
YES! PLEASE DON'T TOUCH IT AGAIN!

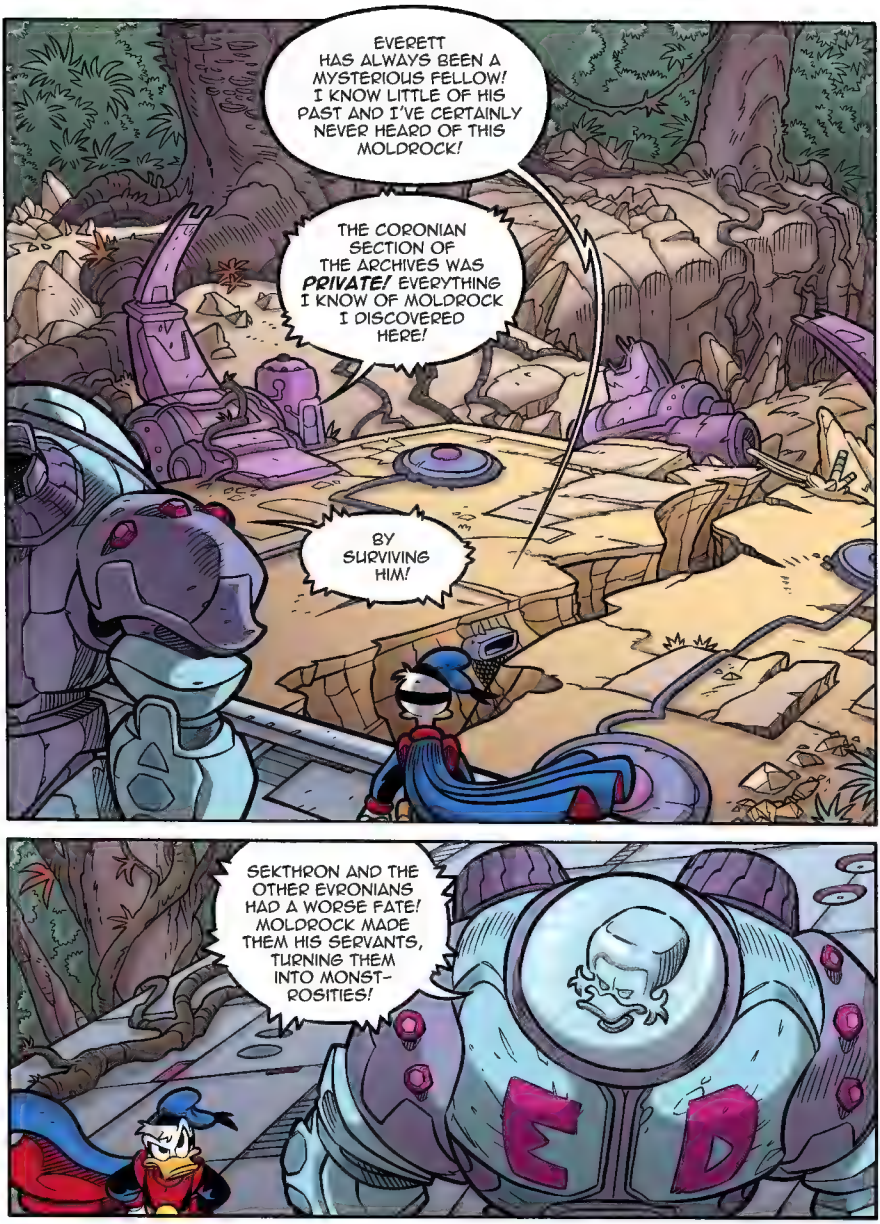

THIS IS DUCKLAIR TOWER! THE BUILDING WAS BUILT ON THE CROSSING OF IMMENSE ERGOGEODYNAMIC FLUXES...
... THE GREAT CURRENTS OF ENERGY GOING ACROSS PLANET EARTH!
THAT ENERGY HAS ALWAYS POWERED THE TOWER AND ALL OF MR. DUCKLAIR'S MARVELOUS INVENTIONS...
INFINITE POWER FOR HIS GENIUS!

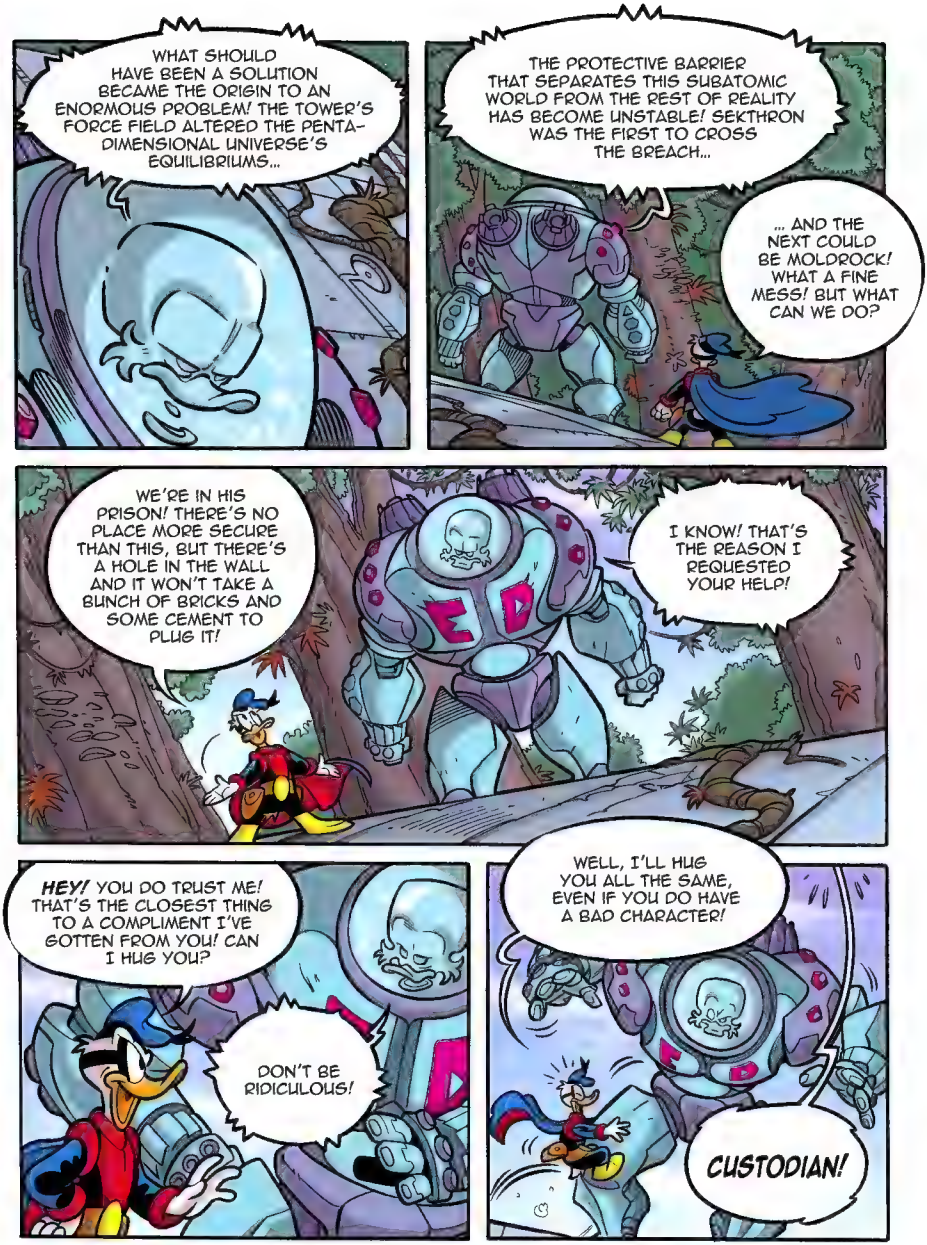

BUT THE UNION OF THOSE FLUXES CREATED A WAVE CAPABLE OF BENDING THE RULES OF PHYSICS! A SUPERIOR POWER ABLE TO DISTORT THE FLUX OF REALITY!
AND THAT'S NO GOOD, RIGHT?
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PLANETARY ENERGY, AVENGER! A FORCE CAPABLE OF SHAPING NEW CONFIGURATIONS OF SPACETIME...
... AND OPEN PASSAGES TO UNKNOWN REALITIES THAT ARE BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION!
OH, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TRUE THAT IS! I STOPPED PAYING ATTENTION AFTER YOU SAID "ERGOGEODYNAMIC"!
MR. DUCKLAIR TURNED THE TOWER INTO A PORTAL, AND TO PROTECT THE PASSAGE HE GAVE LIFE TO TWO GUARDIANS...
TO THE DUCKBURGIANS THEY WERE ONLY STATUES, BUT IN REALITY THEY WERE ARTIFICIAL WATCHMEN READY TO SIGNALIZE ANY ANOMALIES!
RAKSAKA
THALA
THE GARGOYLES!

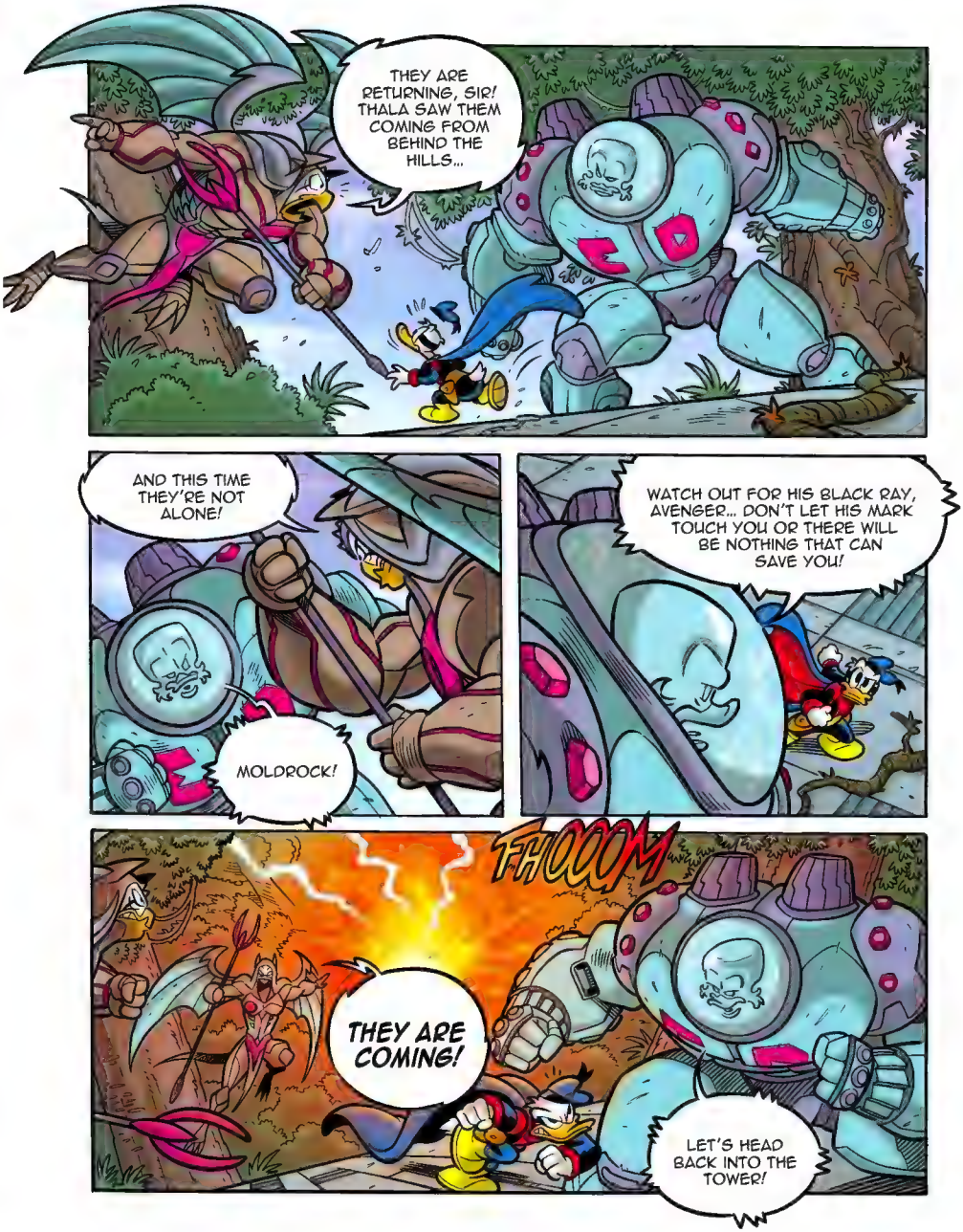

BUT HE WENT FURTHER! MR. DUCKLAIR OBSERVED THAT NEW SPACE, DISCOVERED THE MECHANISMS OF ITS NATURE...
... AND DOMINATED ALL OF IT TO CREATE HIS PERSONAL UNIVERSE TO RULE AS ABSOLUTE MASTER!
IT WAS NOT A CHOICE DICTATED BY AMBITION, BUT BY NECESSITY! TO FIND A SECURE PLACE TO CONFINE HIS WORST ENEMY!
MOLDROCK, THE SCOURGE OF CORONA!
MODESTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT LAD'S FINEST QUALITY!
UH OH! HERE'S WHERE IT GETS COMPLICATED...
IT'S NEVER BEEN SIMPLE! THIS PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE WAS CREATED FOR MOLDROCK! IT'S EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S ABSOLUTE MASTERPIECE!
TO THE FOUR-DIMENSIONAL SPACETIME, MR. DUCKLAIR ADDED A FIFTH ELEMENT, THE NEGATACHYON, THE SEED OF ANTITIME!


IT'S A VARIABLY CHARGED PARTICLE THAT MAKES TIME IN THIS SUBATOMIC DIMENSION FLOW IN A NONLINEAR MANNER!
FASCINATING, BUT THERE'S ONE THING I STILL DON'T GET...
WHY?
FOR MOLDROCK! THE ALTERED TIME WEAKENS HIM AND REDUCES HIS POWERS! THIS WORLD IS HIS PRISON... BUT IT MAY NOT REMAIN SO FOR LONG!
WHEN YOU PRESSED THAT BUTTON, THE BUILDING WAS DISLOCATED HERE! IN CASE OF AN ATTACK, MR. DUCKLAIR PLANNED TO HAVE THIS BE THE SAFEST PLACE WHERE THE SKYSCRAPER AND ITS SECRETS WOULD BE PROTECTED!
DUCKLAIR TOWER, SHELTERED BY A FORCE FIELD, WOULD BE INACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE EXCEPT MR. DUCKLAIR!
BUT SOMETHING DIDN'T WORK! COME AND SEE...


THE SUPPORT PLATFORM HAS BEEN DAMAGED! MOLDROCK DESTROYED ONE OF THE FOUR ANCHORING PYLONS AND SO WHEN THE TOWER MATERIALIZED...
... IT FELL DOWN!
THE FORCE FIELD PROTECTED IT... AND A PINCH OF LUCK DID THE REST!


EVERETT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MYSTERIOUS FELLOW! I KNOW LITTLE OF HIS PAST AND I'VE CERTAINLY NEVER HEARD OF THIS MOLDROCK!
THE CORONIAN SECTION OF THE ARCHIVES WAS *PRIVATE!* EVERYTHING I KNOW OF MOLDROCK I DISCOVERED HERE!
BY SURVIVING HIM!
SEKTHRON AND THE OTHER EVRONIANS HAD A WORSE FATE! MOLDROCK MADE THEM HIS SERVANTS, TURNING THEM INTO MONST-ROSITIES!


WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SOLUTION BECAME THE ORIGIN TO AN ENORMOUS PROBLEM! THE TOWER'S FORCE FIELD ALTERED THE PENTA-DIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE'S EQUILIBRIUMS...
THE PROTECTIVE BARRIER THAT SEPARATES THIS SUBATOMIC WORLD FROM THE REST OF REALITY HAS BECOME UNSTABLE! SEKTHRON WAS THE FIRST TO CROSS THE BREACH...
... AND THE NEXT COULD BE MOLDROCK! WHAT A FINE MESS! BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?
WE'RE IN HIS PRISON! THERE'S NO PLACE MORE SECURE THAN THIS, BUT THERE'S A HOLE IN THE WALL AND IT WON'T TAKE A BUNCH OF BRICKS AND SOME CEMENT TO PLUG IT!
I KNOW! THAT'S THE REASON I REQUESTED YOUR HELP!
HEY! YOU DO TRUST ME! THAT'S THE CLOSEST THING TO A COMPLIMENT I'VE GOTTEN FROM YOU! CAN I HUG YOU?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
WELL, I'LL HUG YOU ALL THE SAME, EVEN IF YOU DO HAVE A BAD CHARACTER!
CUSTODIAN!

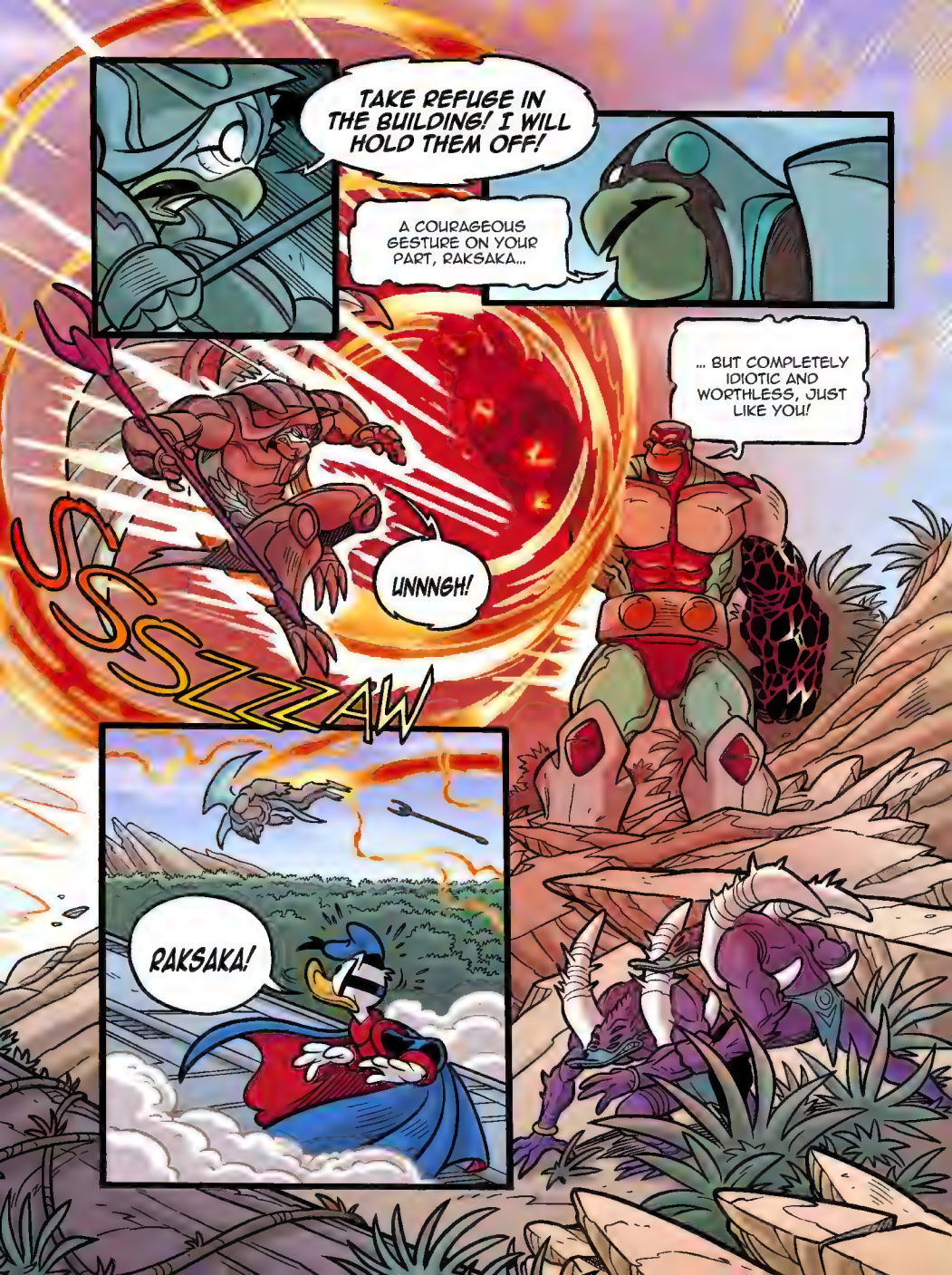

THEY ARE RETURNING, SIR! THALA SAW THEM COMING FROM BEHIND THE HILLS...
AND THIS TIME THEY'RE NOT ALONE!
MOLDROCK!
WATCH OUT FOR HIS BLACK RAY, AVENGER... DON'T LET HIS MARK TOUCH YOU OR THERE WILL BE NOTHING THAT CAN SAVE YOU!
FHOOOM
THEY ARE COMING!
LET'S HEAD BACK INTO THE TOWER!

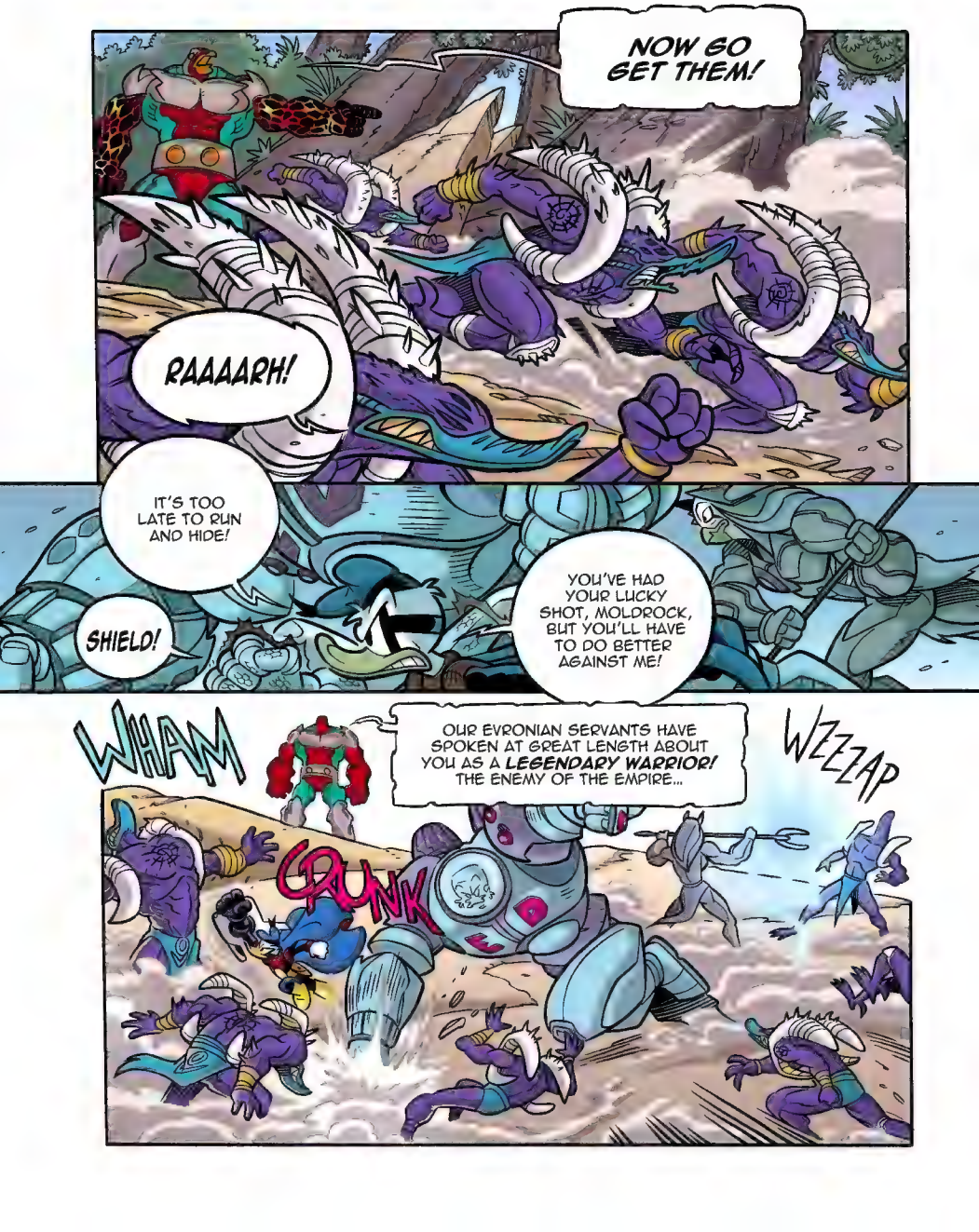
SHOOOOOM

KROOOOOOR-K

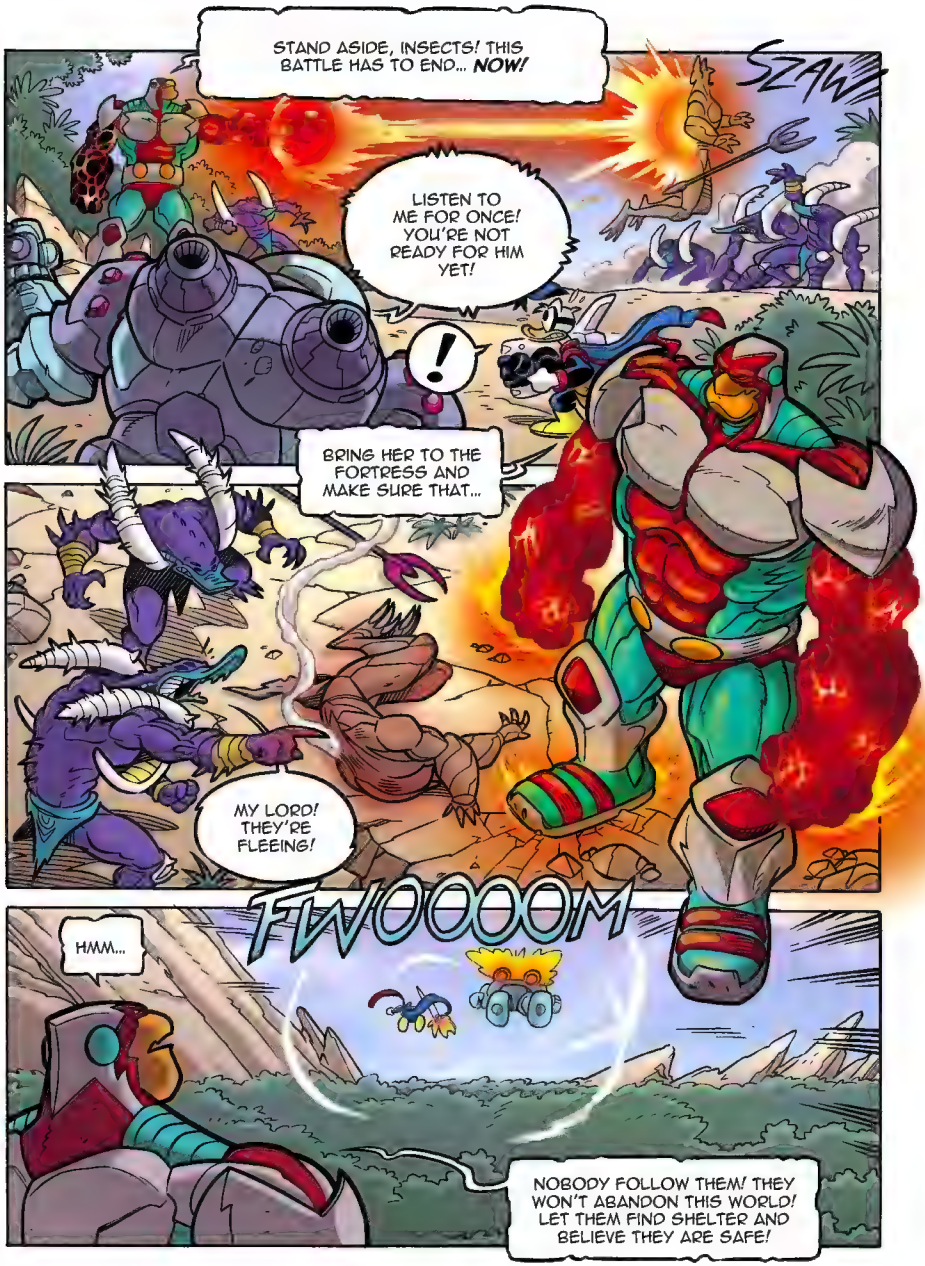
SO YOU MUST BE THE DUCK AVENGER! WE HAVE HEARD MUCH TALK OF YOU...

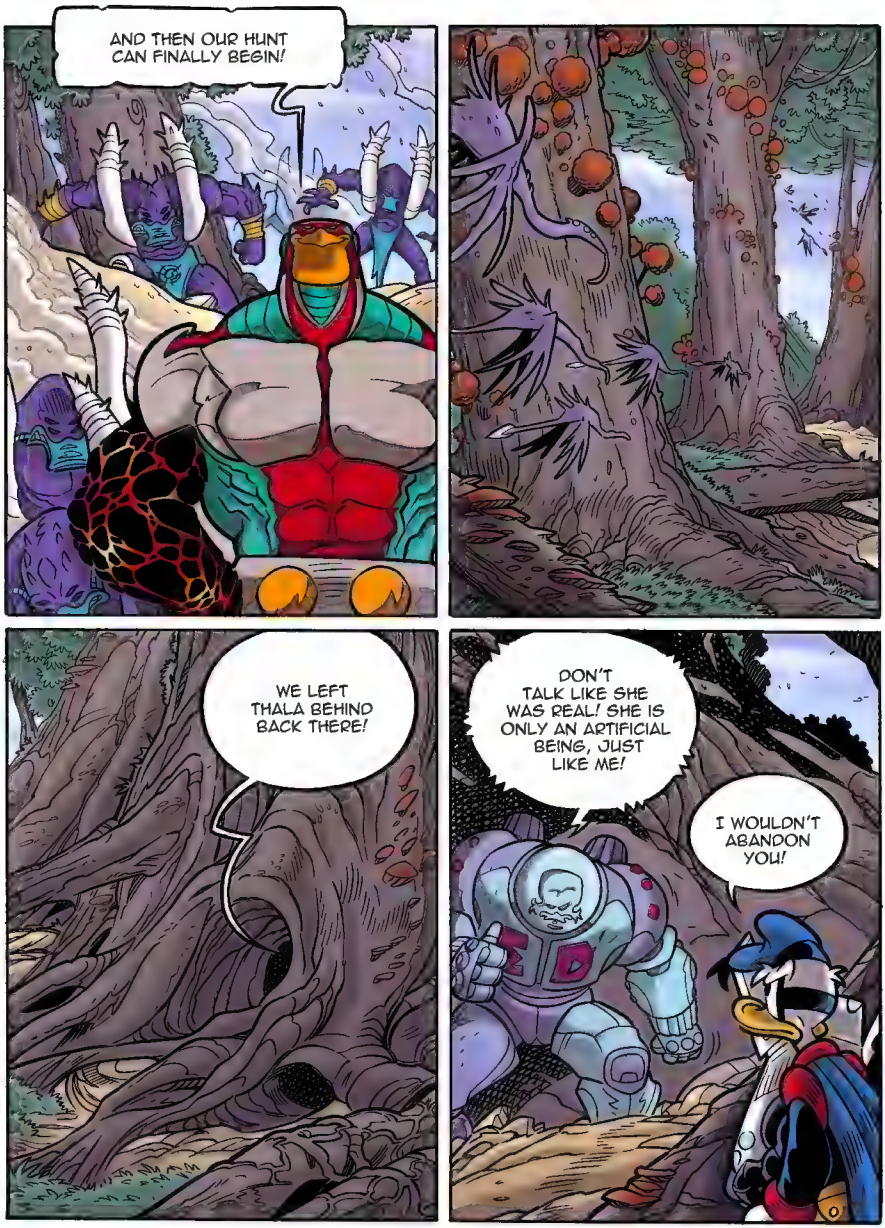
... BUT WE HAD IMAGINED YOU DIFFERENTLY!

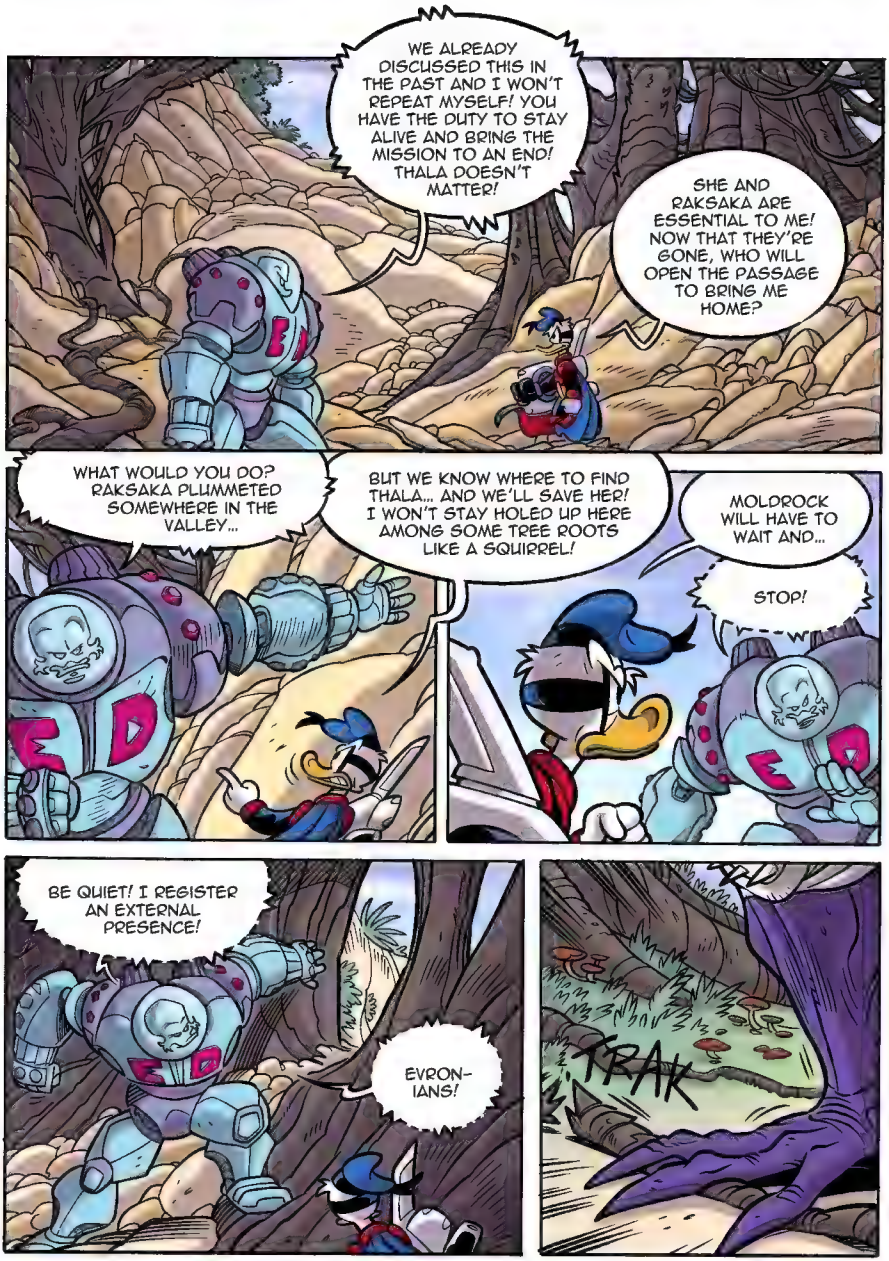

TAKE REFUGE IN THE BUILDINGS! I WILL HOLD THEM OFF!
A COURAGEOUS GESTURE ON YOUR PART, RAKSAKA...
... BUT COMPLETELY IDIOTIC AND WORTHLESS, JUST LIKE YOU!
SSSZZZAW
UNNNGH!
RAKSAKA!

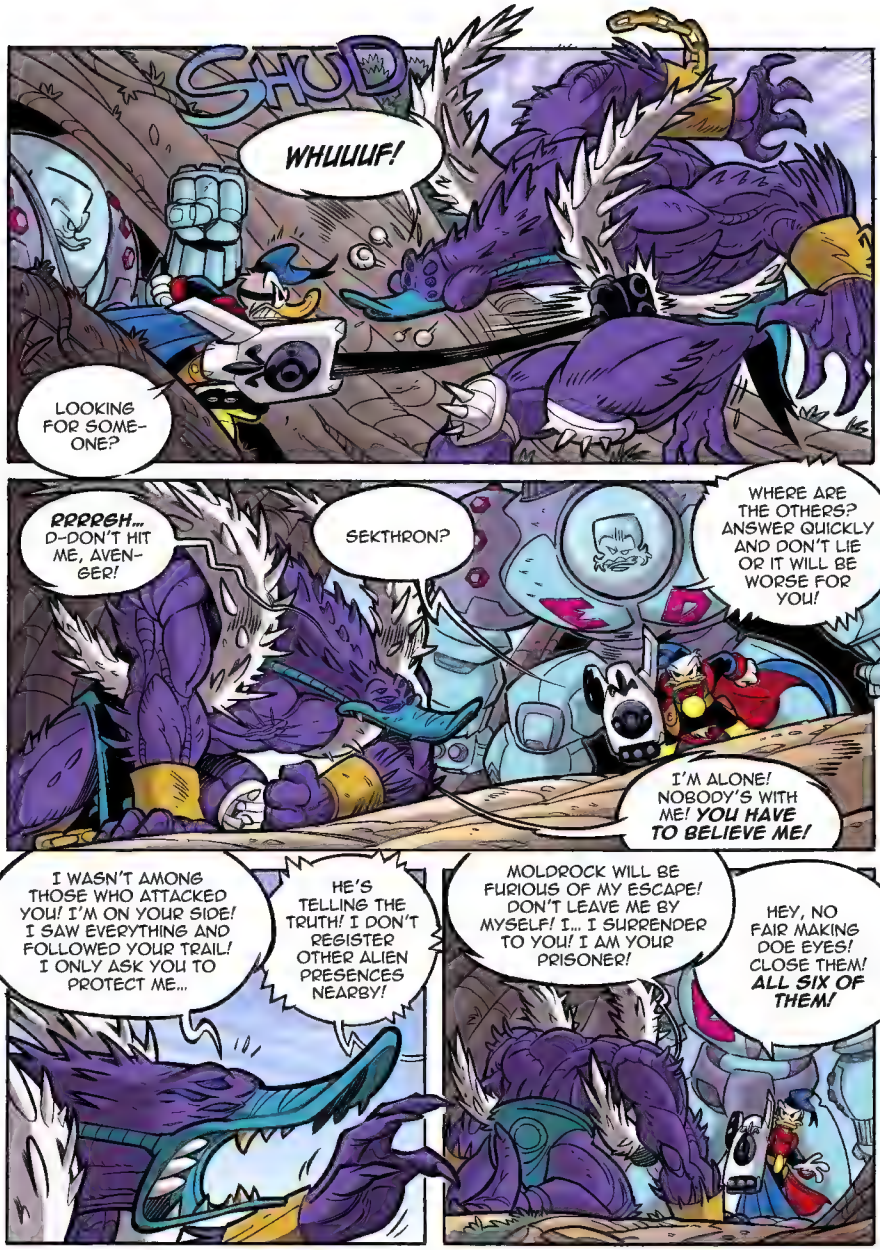

NOW GO GET THEM!
RAAAARH!
IT'S TOO LATE TO RUN AND HIDE!
SHIELD!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR LUCKY SHOT, MOLDROCK, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER AGAINST ME!
WHAM
OUR EVRONIAN SERVANTS HAVE SPOKEN AT GREAT LENGTH ABOUT YOU AS A LEGENDARY WARRIOR! THE ENEMY OF THE EMPIRE...
WZZZAP
GRUNK

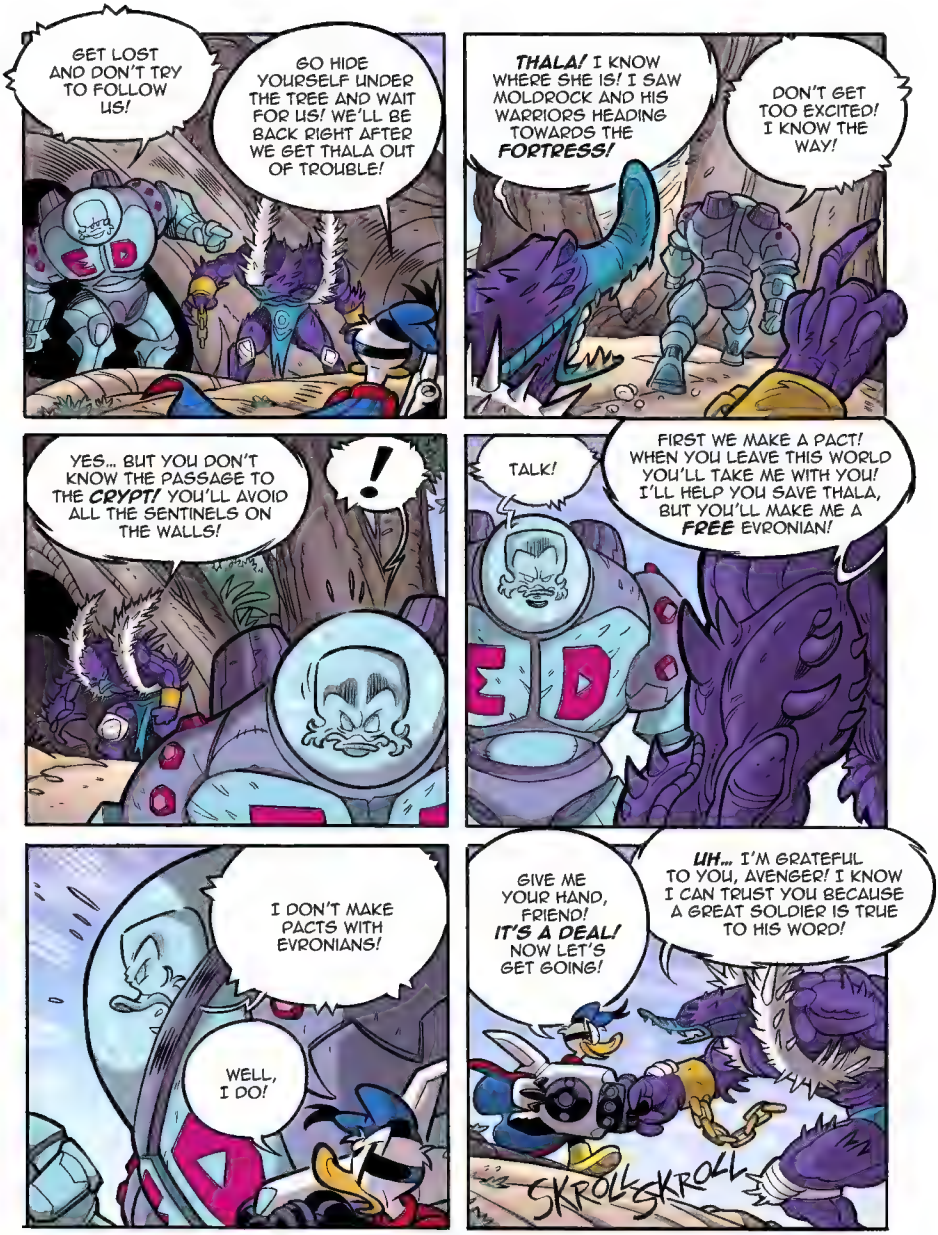
IT WILL BE FUN FOR US TO CONFRONT A TRUE ADVERSARY AFTER ALL THIS TIME! LIFE HERE IS SO TEDIOUS...
THEN COME ON AND FIGHT ME!
NOT NOW! NOT HERE! FIRST WE NEED TO TALK! THERE IS MUCH OF YOUR WORLD YOU MUST TELL US!
I HAVE VISITED THE TOWER AND DISCOVERED THINGS I DID NOT KNOW OF...
... AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING? I LIKE YOUR PLANET AND I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL TAKE IT ONCE WE ARE FREE!
AND LET YOU HAVE ALL THE FUN? FORGET IT!
HE'S BIG, BUT I'VE SEEN WORSE!
RUN, AVENGER! THEY'RE TOO MANY!
OUFF! ONE AT A TIME, GENTS! MAKE AN ORDERLY LINE AND WAIT YOUR TURN!
WOOM
THALA'S RIGHT! LET'S RETREAT! YOU CAN'T FACE MOLDROCK!

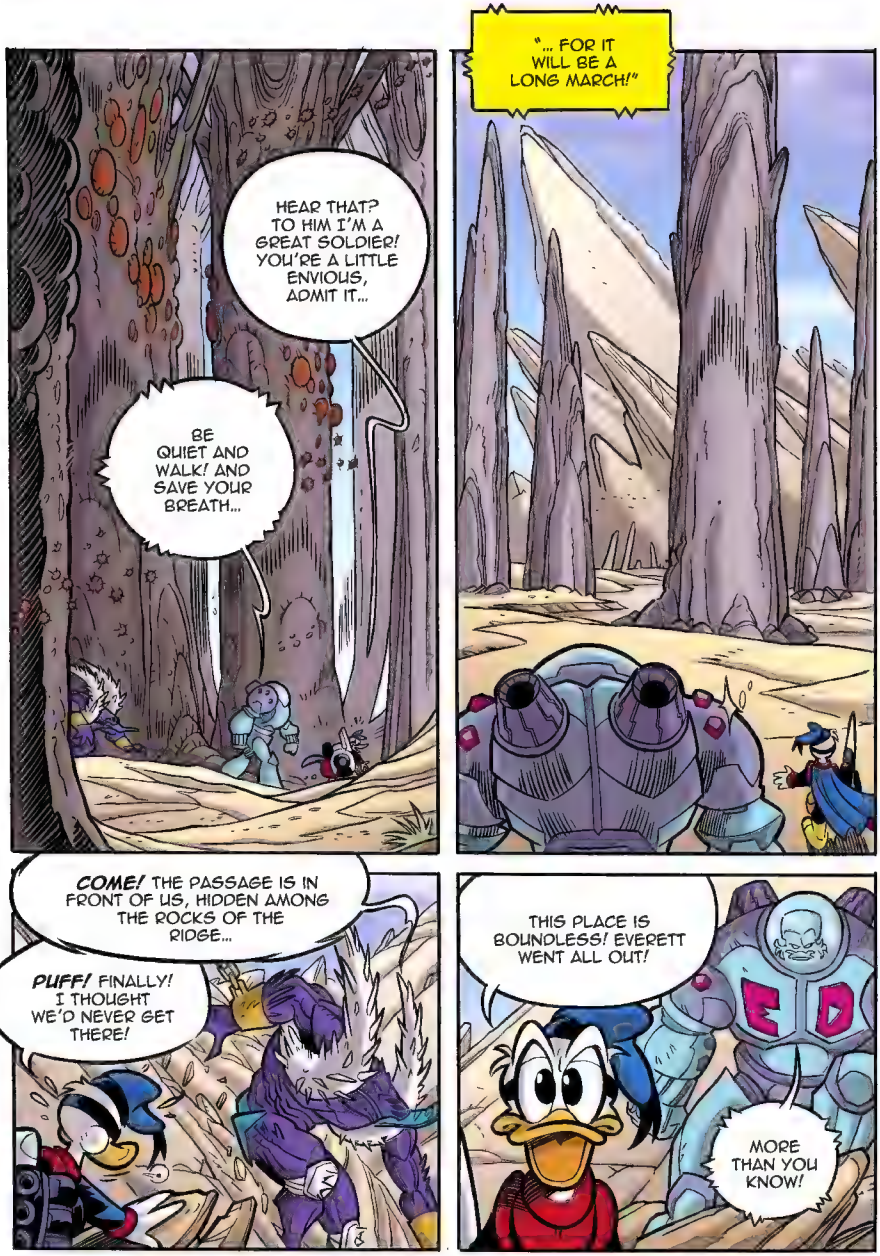

STAND ASIDE, INSECTS! THIS BATTLE HAS TO END... NOW!
SZAW
LISTEN TO ME FOR ONCE! YOU'RE NOT READY FOR HIM YET!
!
BRING HER TO THE FORTRESS AND MAKE SURE THAT...
MY LORD! THEY'RE FLEEING!
FWOOOOM
HMM...
NOBODY FOLLOW THEM! THEY WON'T ABANDON THIS WORLD! LET THEM FIND SHELTER AND BELIEVE THEY ARE SAFE!


AND THEN OUR HUNT CAN FINALLY BEGIN!
WE LEFT THALA BEHIND BACK THERE!
DON'T TALK LIKE SHE WAS REAL! SHE IS ONLY AN ARTIFICIAL BEING, JUST LIKE ME!
I WOULDN'T ABANDON YOU!

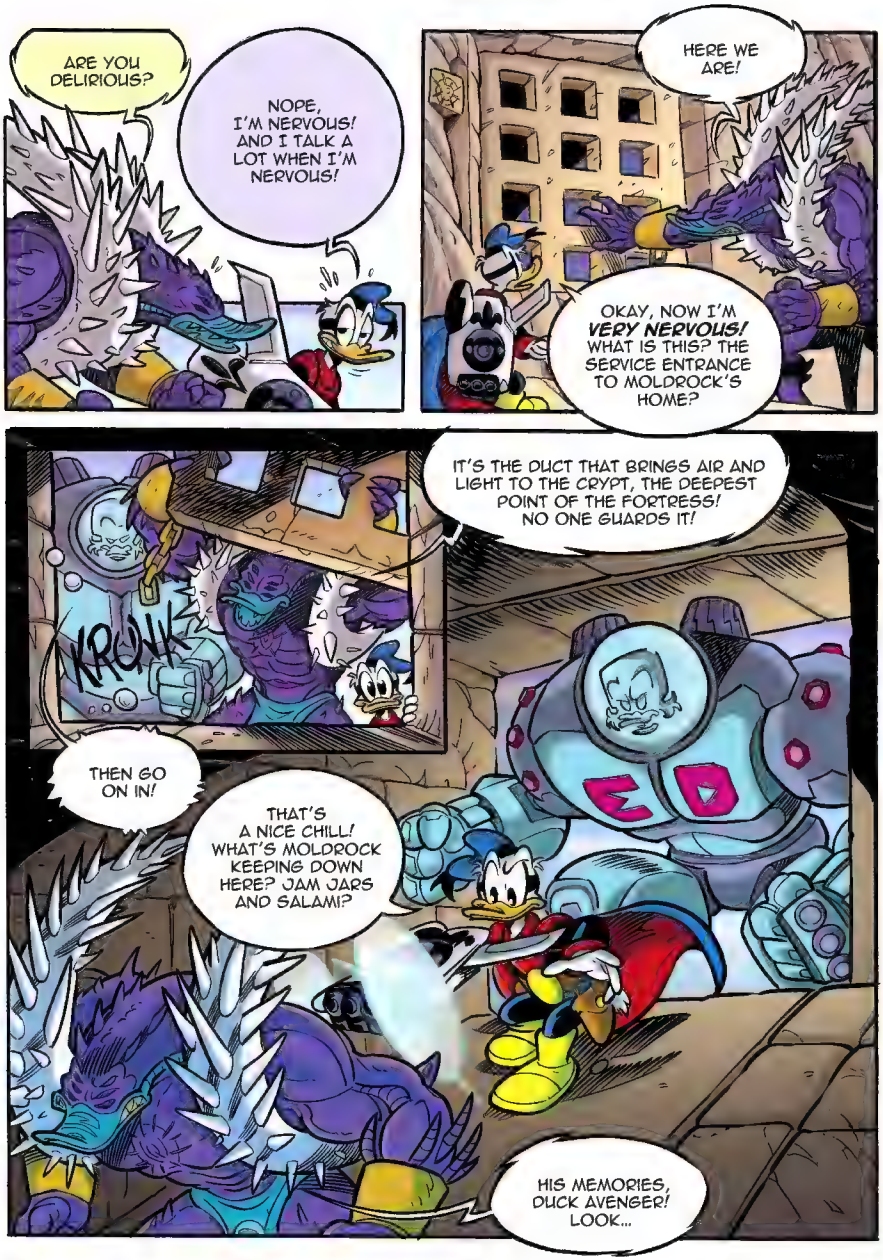

WE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS IN THE PAST AND I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF! YOU HAVE THE DUTY TO STAY ALIVE AND BRING THE MISSION TO AN END! THALA DOESN'T MATTER!
SHE AND RAKSAKA ARE ESSENTIAL TO ME! NOW THAT THEY'RE GONE, WHO WILL OPEN THE PASSAGE TO BRING ME HOME?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO? RAKSAKA PLUMMETED SOMEWHERE IN THE VALLEY...
BUT WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND THALA... AND WE'LL SAVE HER! I WON'T STAY HOLED UP HERE AMONG SOME TREE ROOTS LIKE A SQUIRREL!
MOLDROCK WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND...
STOP!
BE QUIET! I REGISTER AN EXTERNAL PRESENCE!
EVRON-IANS!
TRAK


SHUD
WHUUUF!
LOOKING FOR SOME-ONE?
RRRRGH... D-DON'T HIT ME, AVEN-GER!
SEKTHRON?
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? ANSWER QUICKLY AND DON'T LIE OR IT WILL BE WORSE FOR YOU!
I'M ALONE! NOBODY'S WITH ME! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
I WASN'T AMONG THOSE WHO ATTACKED YOU! I'M ON YOUR SIDE! I SAW EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED YOUR TRAIL! I ONLY ASK YOU TO PROTECT ME...
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH! I DON'T REGISTER OTHER ALIEN PRESENCES NEARBY!
MOLDROCK WILL BE FURIOUS OF MY ESCAPE! DON'T LEAVE ME BY MYSELF! I... I SURRENDER TO YOU! I AM YOUR PRISONER!
HEY, NO FAIR MAKING DOE EYES! CLOSE THEM! ALL SIX OF THEM!

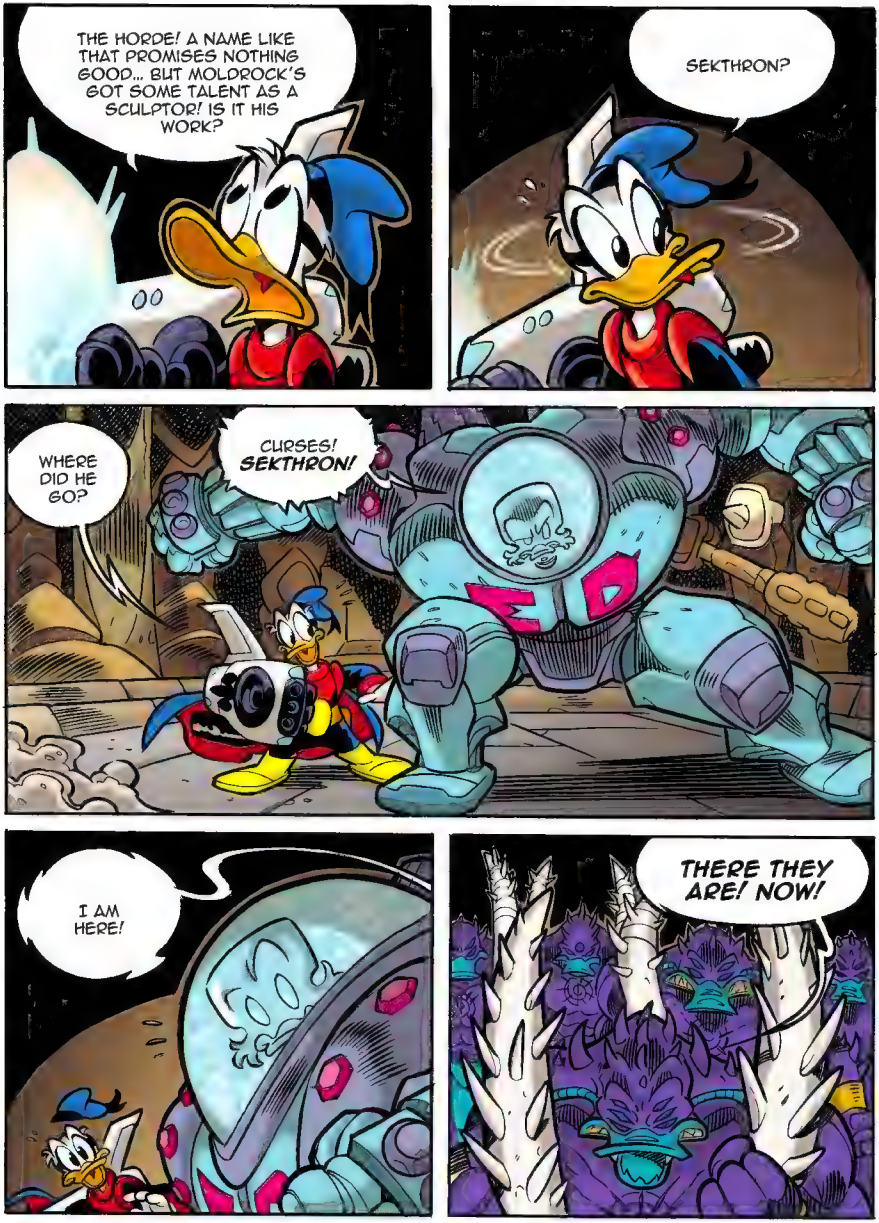

GET LOST AND DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW US!
GO HIDE YOURSELF UNDER THE TREE AND WAIT FOR US! WE'LL BE BACK RIGHT AFTER WE GET THALA OUT OF TROUBLE!
THALA! I KNOW WHERE SHE IS! I SAW MOLDROCK AND HIS WARRIORS HEADING TOWARDS THE FORTRESS!
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED! I KNOW THE WAY!
YES... BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THE PASSAGE TO THE CRYPT! YOU'LL AVOID ALL THE SENTINELS ON THE WALLS!
!
TALK!
FIRST WE MAKE A PACT! WHEN YOU LEAVE THIS WORLD YOU'LL TAKE ME WITH YOU! I'LL HELP YOU SAVE THALA, BUT YOU'LL MAKE ME A FREE EVRONIAN!
I DON'T MAKE PACTS WITH EVRONIANS!
WELL, I DO!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND, FRIEND! IT'S A DEAL! NOW LET'S GET GOING!
UH... I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, AVENGER! I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU BECAUSE A GREAT SOLDIER IS TRUE TO HIS WORD!
SKROLL SKROLL

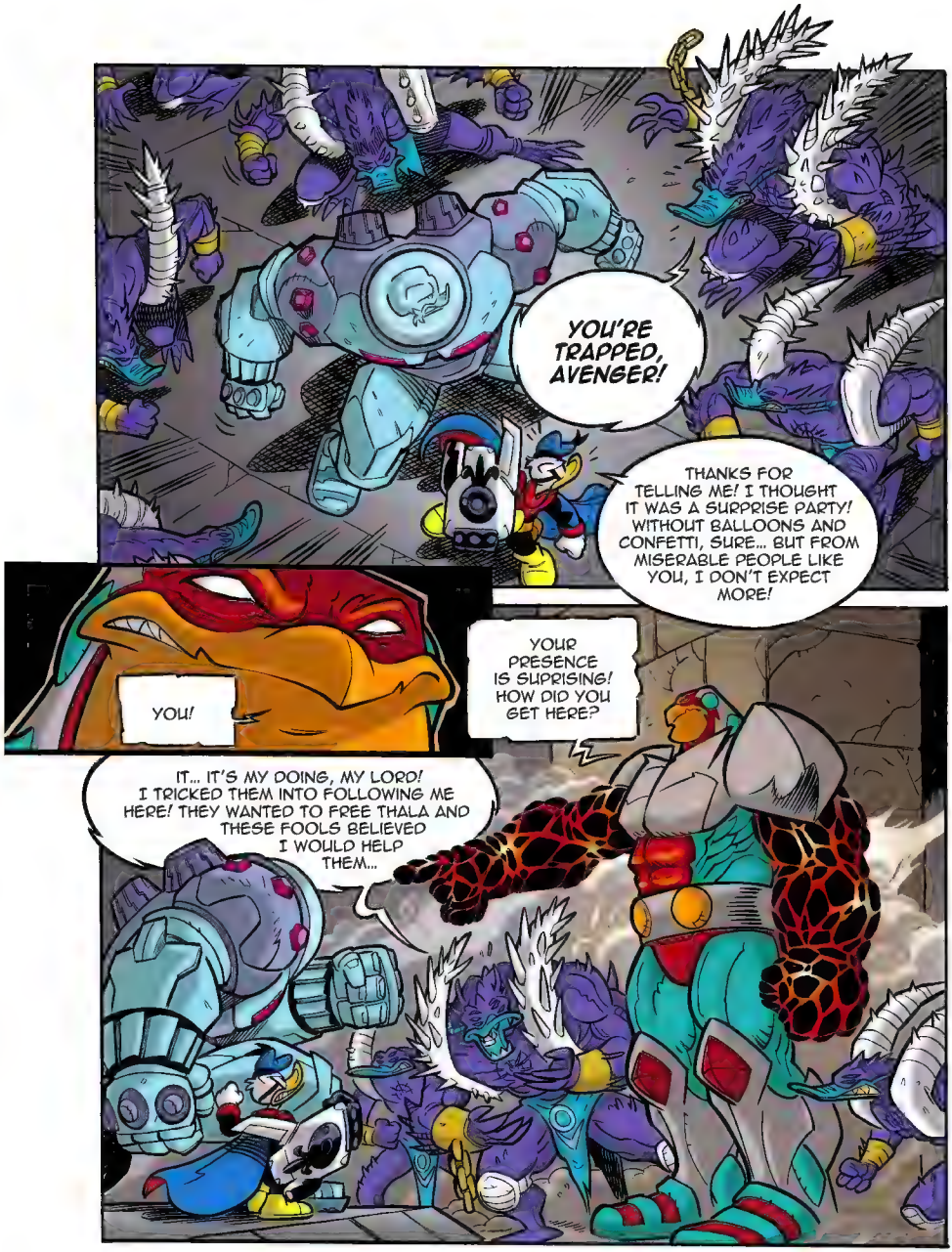

HEAR THAT? TO HIM I'M A GREAT SOLDIER! YOU'RE A LITTLE ENVIOUS, ADMIT IT...
BE QUIET AND WALK! AND SAVE YOUR BREATH...
"... FOR IT WILL BE A LONG MARCH!"
COME! THE PASSAGE IS IN FRONT OF US, HIDDEN AMONG THE ROCKS OF THE RIDGE...
PUFF! FINALLY! I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER GET THERE!
THIS PLACE IS BOUNDLESS! EVERETT WENT ALL OUT!
MORE THAN YOU KNOW!

BUT HOWEVER IMMENSE IT MAY BE, A PRISON IS STILL A PRISON! MOLDROCK IS USED TO BREAKING DOWN BOUNDARIES... AND FOR HIS KIND, THIS IS THE WORST PUNISHMENT!
THE FORTRESS IS A BIT GLOOMY, BUT GERANIUMS IN THE WINDOW AND A BRIGHT COLOR ON THE WALLS WOULD MAKE IT FAR LESS DISMAL!


ARE YOU DELIRIOUS?
NOPE, I'M NERVOUS! AND I TALK A LOT WHEN I'M NERVOUS!
HERE WE ARE!
OKAY, NOW I'M *VERY NERVOUS!* WHAT IS THIS? THE SERVICE ENTRANCE TO MOLDROCK'S HOME?
KRONK
IT'S THE DUCT THAT BRINGS AIR AND LIGHT TO THE CRYPT, THE DEEPEST POINT OF THE FORTRESS! NO ONE GUARDS IT!
THEN GO ON IN!
THAT'S A NICE CHILL! WHAT'S MOLDROCK KEEPING DOWN HERE? JAM JARS AND SALAMI?
HIS MEMORIES, DUCK AVENGER! LOOK...

I THOUGHT TO FIND A TRICYCLE, A PAIR OF SKATES, A TRUNK OF OLD TOYS! MOLDROCK HAS STRANGE MEMORIES...
SPEAK OF THEM WITH RESPECT AND FEAR, DUCK AVENGER! THIS IS THE HORDE!


THE HORDE! A NAME LIKE THAT PROMISES NOTHING GOOD... BUT MOLDROCK'S GOT SOME TALENT AS A SCULPTOR! IS IT HIS WORK?
SEKTHRON?
WHERE DID HE GO?
CURSES! SEKTHRON!
I AM HERE!
THERE THEY ARE! NOW!


YOU'RE TRAPPED, AVENGER!
THANKS FOR TELLING ME! I THOUGHT IT WAS A SURPRISE PARTY! WITHOUT BALLOONS AND CONFETTI, SURE... BUT FROM MISERABLE PEOPLE LIKE YOU, I DON'T EXPECT MORE!
YOU!
YOUR PRESENCE IS SURPRISING! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
IT... IT'S MY DOING, MY LORD! I TRICKED THEM INTO FOLLOWING ME HERE! THEY WANTED TO FREE THALA AND THESE FOOLS BELIEVED I WOULD HELP THEM...

LOWER YOUR SHIELD, EARTHLING! LET GO OF YOUR WEAPON OR THALA WILL BE THE FIRST TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR HOSTILITY!
I... I...
ALRIGHT...
TUNK
WE'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED YOU'D HAD THE GUTS TO VENTURE INTO MY FORTRESS...
... AND WE'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D BE SO IMPUDENT AS TO DESECRATE THIS PLACE!
I DID IT FOR YOU, MY LORD! IF I OFFENDED YOU, F-FORGIVE ME!
YOU ARE OUR BEST EXPLORER, SEKTHRON! WE SENT YOU TO LOOK FOR A PASSAGE IN THE BARRIER...
... BUT WHAT YOU WERE CAPABLE OF DOING ONCE YOU FOUND A BREACH WAS FLEEING!
YOU LEFT WITH TREASON... AND RETURNED *BETRAYING!* FOR A SOLDIER, THIS IS THE WORST OF SINS!
SUPREME MOLDROCK! I'VE ALWAYS LOYALLY SERVED YOU!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
AND HOW COULD WE? WITH THE BLACK RAY WE MADE YOU INTO A SUPERIOR CREATURE, BUT YOU'RE UNWORTHY OF OUR POWER...
... AND SO IT'S TIME FOR WHAT IS OURS TO RETURN TO US!
NO! NOOO!
NOOO!
REJOICE, SEKTHRON! YOU'RE BEING ABSORBED AND TRANSFORMED INTO PURE DARK MATTER...
GASP!
YEEEAAAGH!

... AND AWAITING THE DAY WHEN WE MEET AGAIN, YOU'LL CONTINUE TO LIVE INSIDE US!
YES! AND NOW...
FWOOOM
URRRGH!
... NOW LEAVE US ALONE! WE NEED TO REST! CONFINE THE PRISONERS AND DON'T LET THEM OUT OF YOUR SIGHTS...
!
... WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM LATER!
DUCKBURG HAS NEVER BEEN SO FAR AWAY FROM THE DUCK AVENGER. WILL HE SUCCEED IN RETURNING HOME? YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH! WE'LL BE WAITING HERE, IN EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE...
END OF PART TWO

THE FORTRESS OVERLOOKS THE VALLEY IN EERIE SILENCE! NO SOUNDS, NO NOISE!
THERE ARE ONLY DISTANT VOICES THE EVRONIAN SENTINELS ARE UNABLE TO HEAR!
THEY ARE THE VOICES YELLING IN MOLDROCK'S HEAD... AND NOT EVEN HE CAN SHUT THEM UP!
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
YOU BETRAYED US! HOW COULD YOU?
I BELIEVED IN YOU!
UHNNN...
WALT DISNEY
PART THREE
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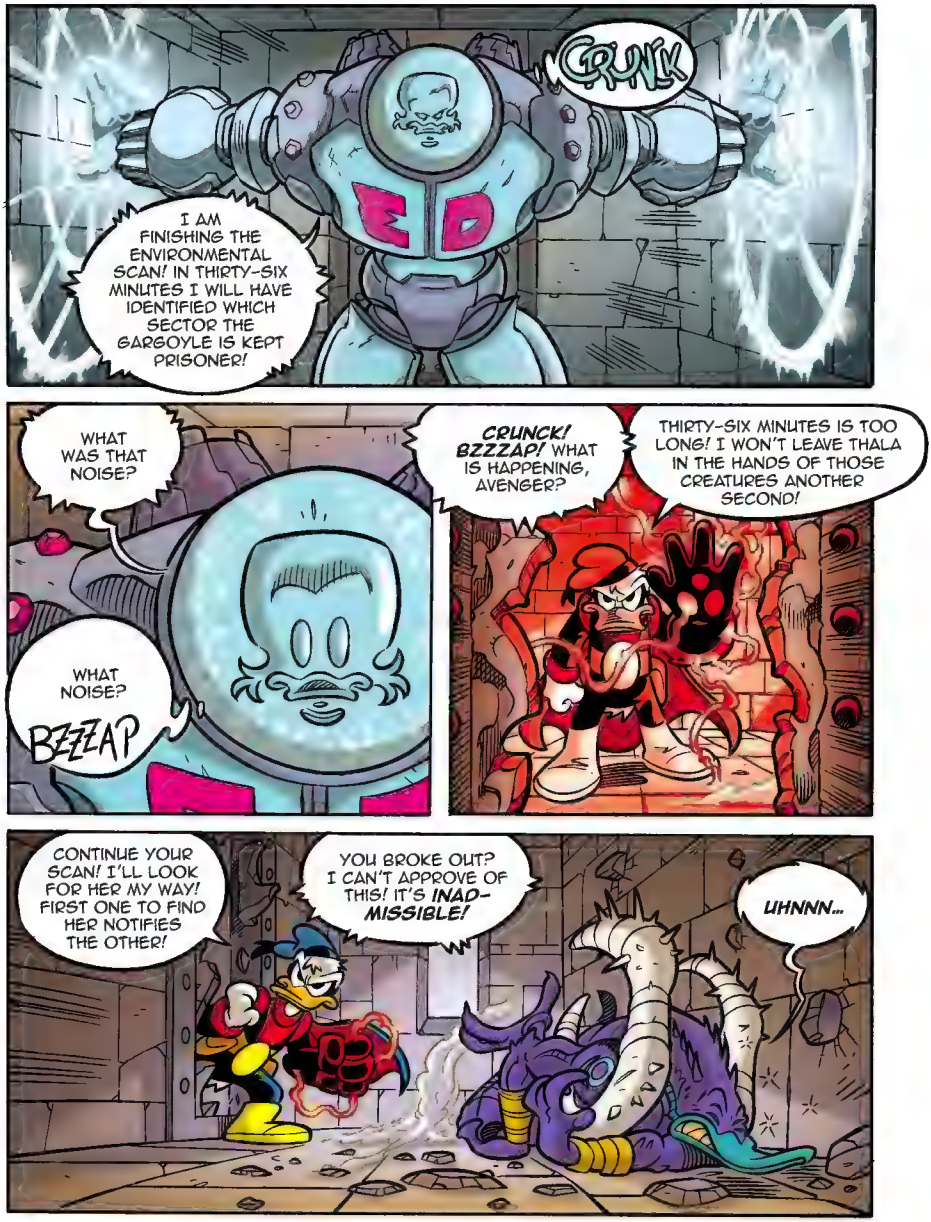
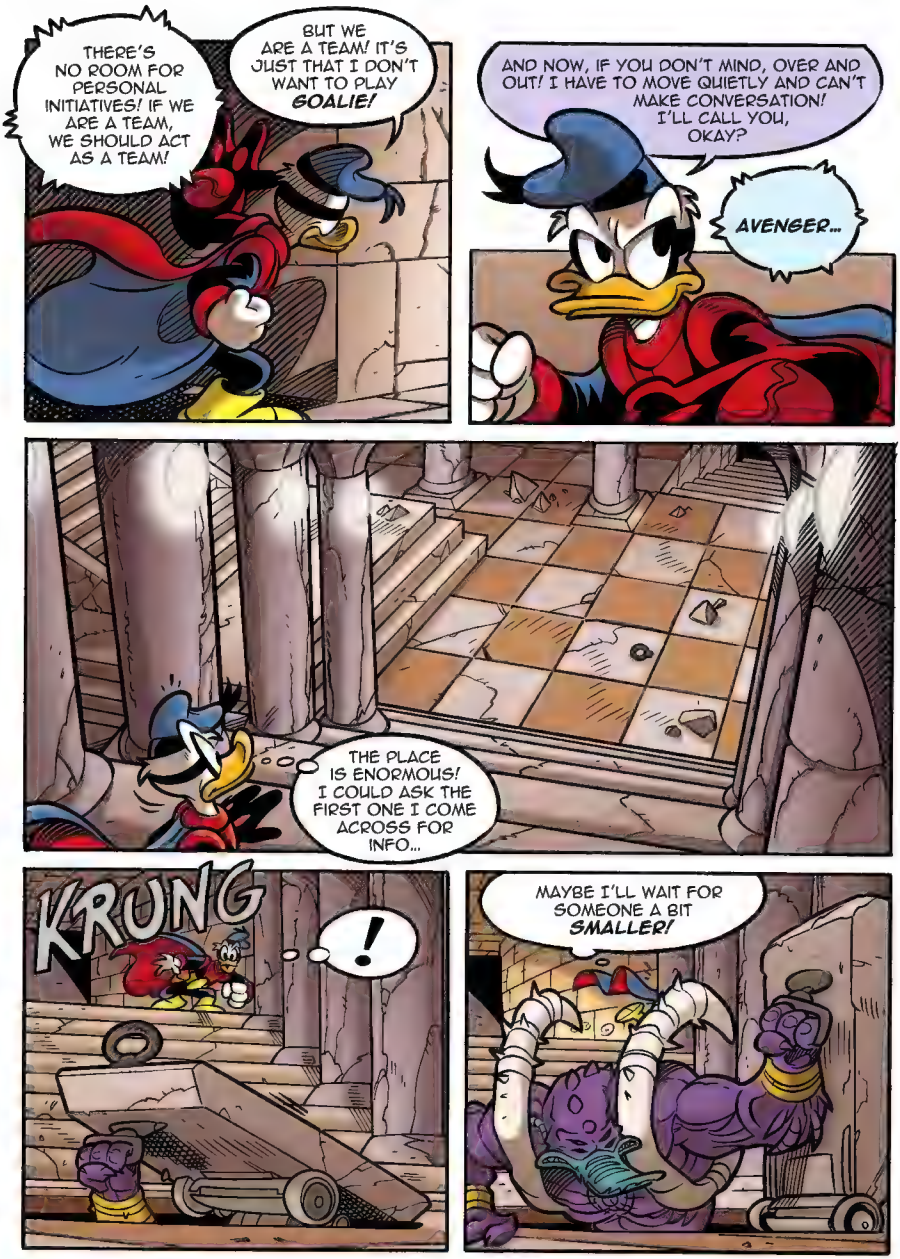
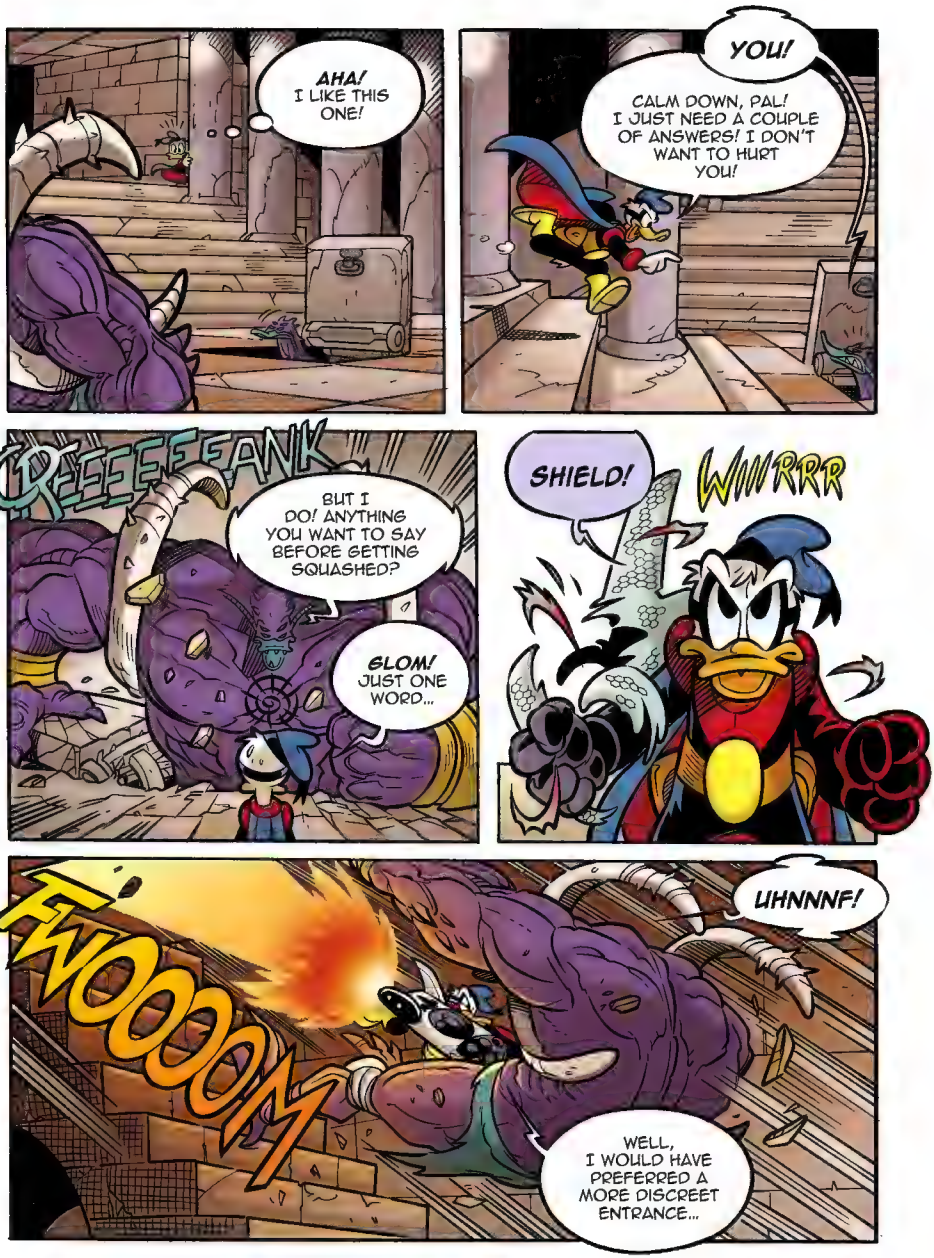
I... I ASK YOU FOR MORE TIME! I NEED TIME! YOU'VE WAITED LONG, BUT SOON WE'LL BE FREE!
WORDS! YOUR PROMISES ARE MADE ONLY OF EMPTY WORDS!
WE ARE FURIOUS! DO YOU FEEL OUR RAGE, MOLDROCK?
YES! THERE'S RAGE... ANGUISH... DESPERATION... AND THERE'S FEAR!
WHO AMONG YOU IS AFRAID?
M-ME, MY LORD! IT'S SO DARK AND COLD HERE! FREE ME, PLEASE!
YOU MUST NOT BE AFRAID, SEKTHRON! I DON'T WANT TO FEEL YOUR TERROR! I ORDER YOU! STOP TREMB-LING OR...
... OR WHAT, MOLDROCK? WHAT WILL YOU DO? YOU CAN'T SHUT US UP! YOU CAN NO LONGER ORDER US! THAT TIME IS OVER...
YOU CAN ONLY FREE US! FREE US!
FREE US! FREE US!
I WILL DO SO, BUT NOW I BEG YOU... IF YOU STILL HAVE MEMORY OF OUR OLD BOND, I IMPLORE YOU... BE QUIET!
I JUST NEED A BIT OF QUIET!

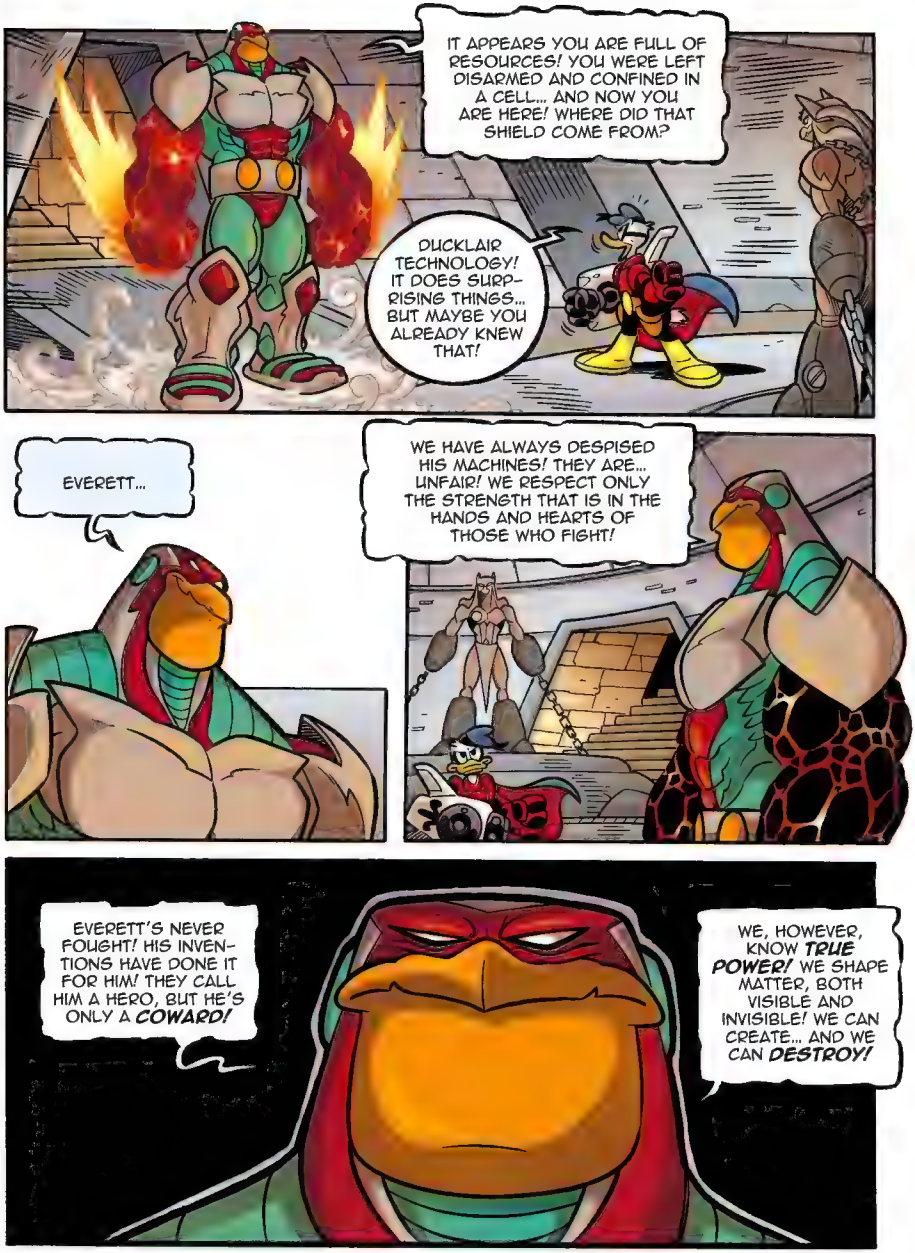
HEY! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
LOUD AND CLEAR! THE NEURAL LINK WORKS PERFECTLY!
BY THE SIGNAL I'M RECEIVING FROM YOUR SUIT, YOU'RE NOT FAR FROM ME! I'M LOCKED INSIDE A CELL, GUARDED BY TWO SOLDIERS! WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M BETTER OFF! THE ROOM HAS A BREATHTAKING VIEW AND THE MINIBAR HAS MY FAVORITE SODA! THE MATTRESS IS TOO SOFT, BUT I CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN!
NOW IS NOT THE TIME, DUCK AVENGER...
OKAY! ONLY ONE OF THOSE BEASTS WAS LEFT TO GUARD THE DOOR! THEY BELIEVE I'M UNARMED WITHOUT THE SHIELD...
LET THEM BELIEVE IT! IT'S TO OUR ADVANTAGE THAT THEY BOUGHT YOUR ACT!
THEY'RE HOLDING THALA HOSTAGE AND THEY THINK THAT'S ENOUGH TO RENDER US POWERLESS!
THEY HAVE UNDERESTIMATED US AND IT'S TIME TO SHOW IT! LET'S FREE THALA AND GET OUT OF HERE!


I AM FINISHING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN! IN THIRTY-SIX MINUTES I WILL HAVE IDENTIFIED WHICH SECTOR THE GARGOYLE IS KEPT PRISONER!
GRUNK
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
WHAT NOISE?
BZZZAP
CRUNCK! BZZZAP! WHAT IS HAPPENING, AVENGER?
THIRTY-SIX MINUTES IS TOO LONG! I WON'T LEAVE THALA IN THE HANDS OF THOSE CREATURES ANOTHER SECOND!
CONTINUE YOUR SCAN! I'LL LOOK FOR HER MY WAY! FIRST ONE TO FIND HER NOTIFIES THE OTHER!
YOU BROKE OUT? I CAN'T APPROVE OF THIS! IT'S INAD-MISSIBLE!
UHNNN...

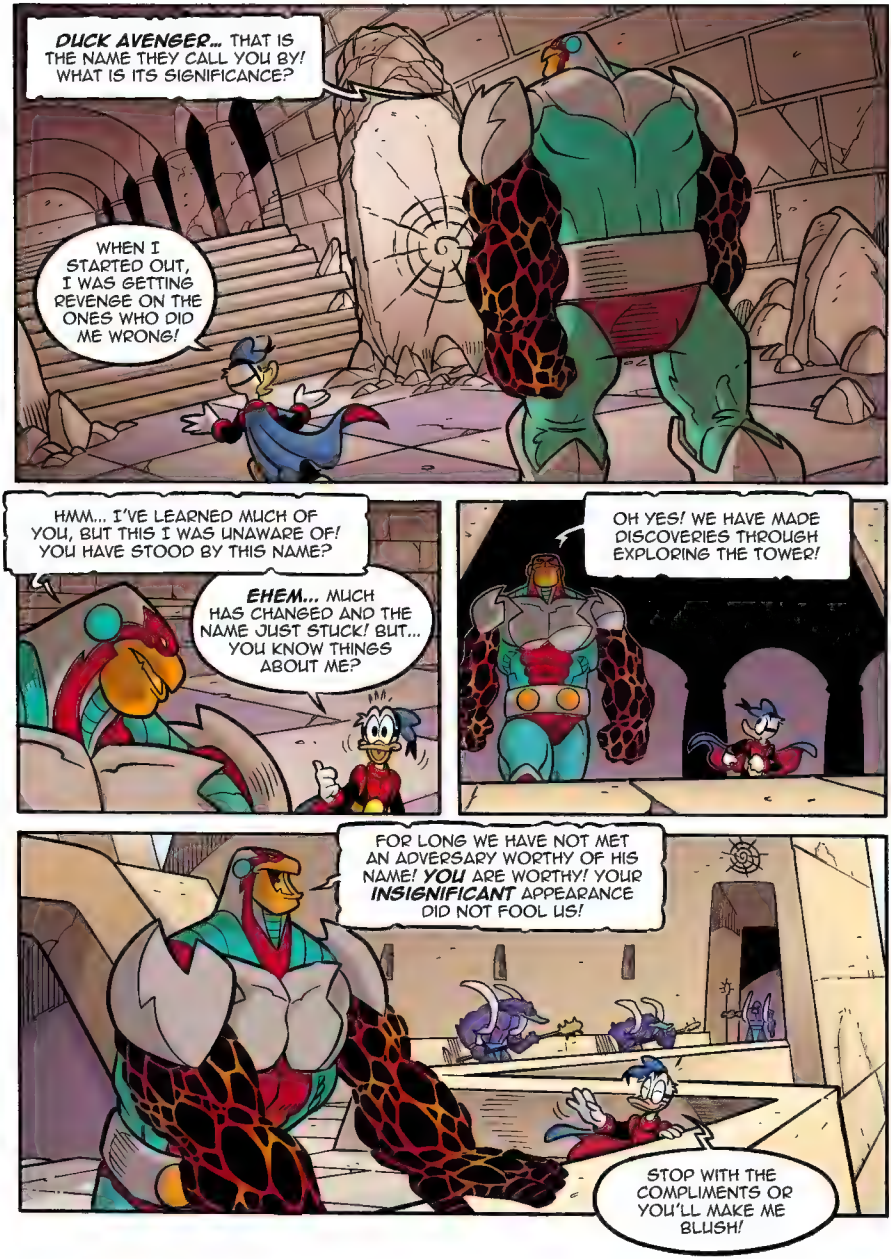

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR PERSONAL INITIATIVES! IF WE ARE A TEAM, WE SHOULD ACT AS A TEAM!
BUT WE ARE A TEAM! IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T WANT TO PLAY GOALIE!
AND NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, OVER AND OUT! I HAVE TO MOVE QUIETLY AND CAN'T MAKE CONVERSATION! I'LL CALL YOU, OKAY?
AVENGER...
THE PLACE IS ENORMOUS! I COULD ASK THE FIRST ONE I COME ACROSS FOR INFO...
KRUNG
!
MAYBE I'LL WAIT FOR SOMEONE A BIT SMALLER!

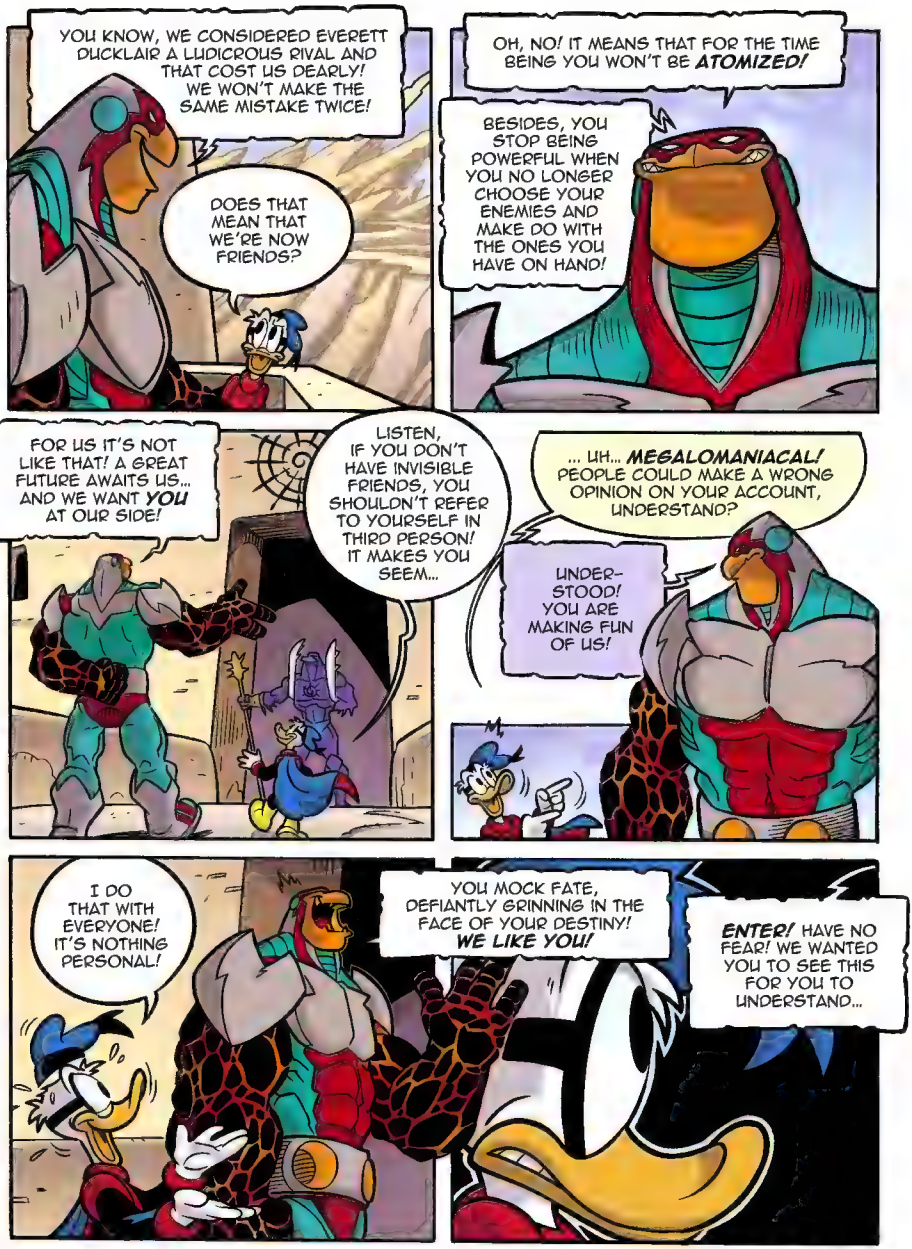

AHA! I LIKE THIS ONE!
YOU!
CALM DOWN, PAL! I JUST NEED A COUPLE OF ANSWERS! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
CREEEEEEAAANK
BUT I DO! ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY BEFORE GETTING SQUASHED?
GLOM! JUST ONE WORD...
SHIELD!
WIIIRRR
FWOOOOM
UHNNNF!
WELL, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE DISCREET ENTRANCE...

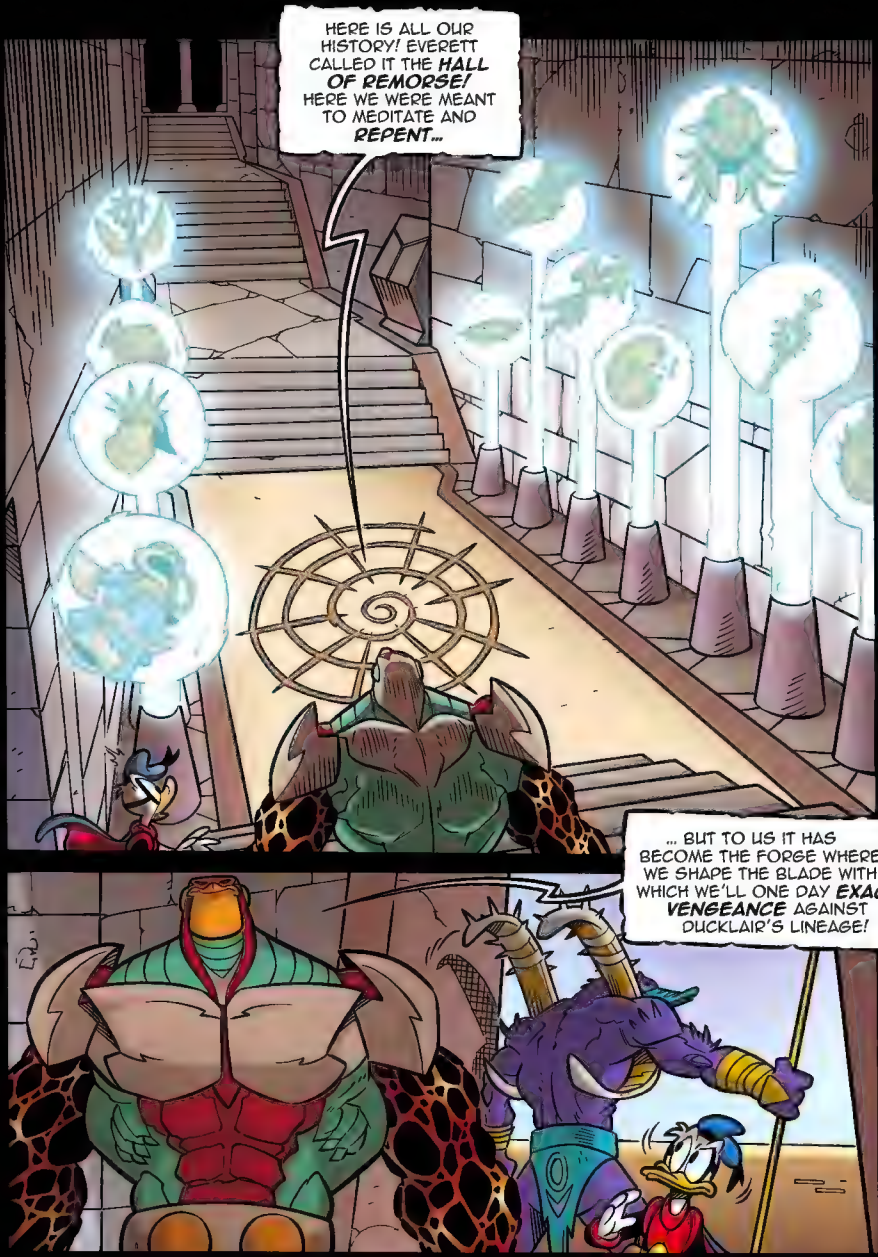
... BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE TO FIX IT! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE...
GREAT EVRON!
DUCK AVENGER!
... AND YOU TWO ARE IN THE WAY!
THALA! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THAT DEPENDS SOLELY ON YOU, DUCK...

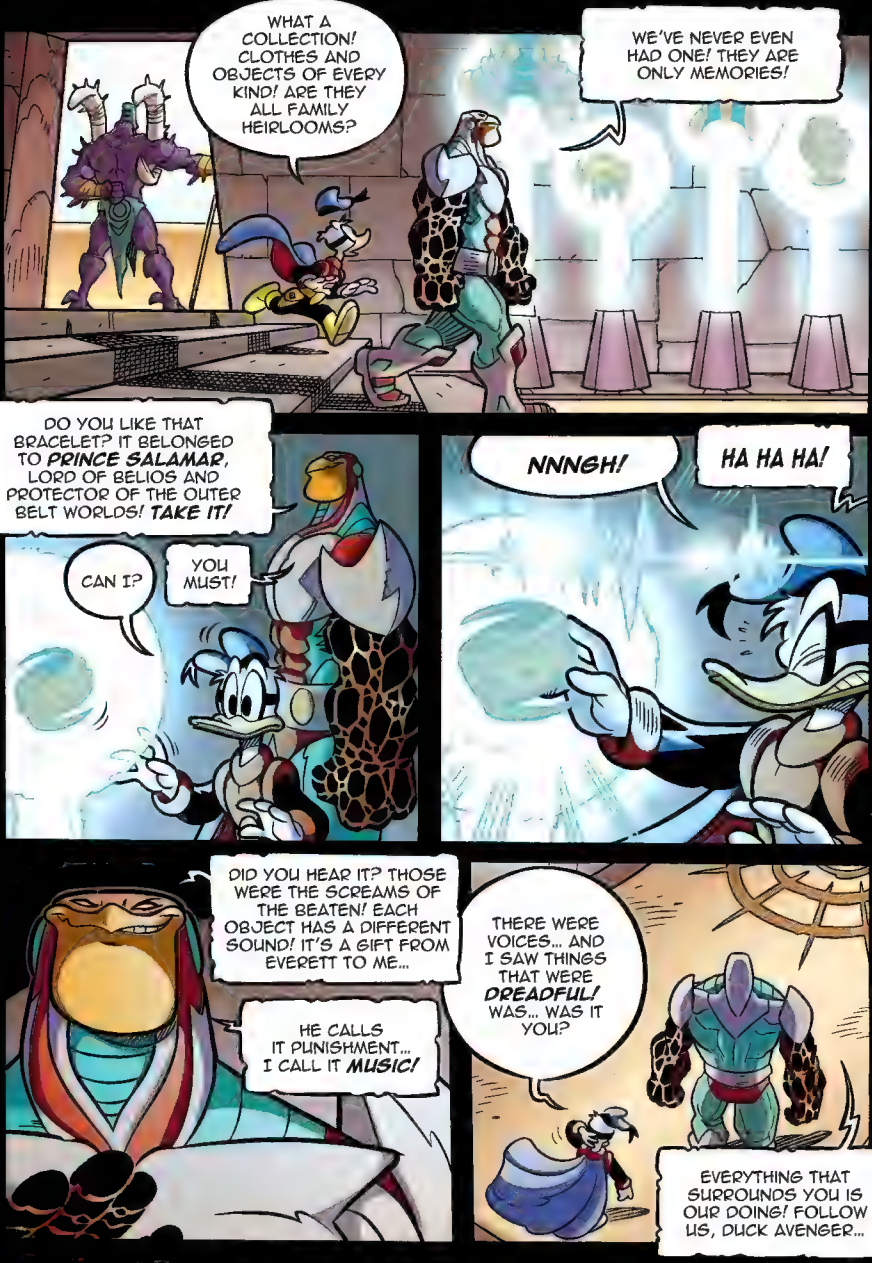

IT APPEARS YOU ARE FULL OF RESOURCES! YOU WERE LEFT DISARMED AND CONFINED IN A CELL... AND NOW YOU ARE HERE! WHERE DID THAT SHIELD COME FROM?
DUCKLAIR TECHNOLOGY! IT DOES SURPRISING THINGS... BUT MAYBE YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT!
EVERETT...
WE HAVE ALWAYS DESPISED HIS MACHINES! THEY ARE... UNFAIR! WE RESPECT ONLY THE STRENGTH THAT IS IN THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF THOSE WHO FIGHT!
EVERETT'S NEVER FOUGHT! HIS INVENTIONS HAVE DONE IT FOR HIM! THEY CALL HIM A HERO, BUT HE'S ONLY A COWARD!
WE, HOWEVER, KNOW TRUE POWER! WE SHAPE MATTER, BOTH VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE! WE CAN CREATE... AND WE CAN DESTROY!

LOOK AT YOUR COMPANION! A GESTURE IS ENOUGH TO DECIDE HER FATE...
!
HER SALVATION DEPENDS ON YOU! WE ONLY ASK THAT YOU LISTEN TO US!
SHOOM!
CAN WE PUT OUR TRUST IN YOU?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, AVENGER! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
WIII RRR
OKAY, I'LL PULL NO TRICKS! I PROM-ISE!
YOU HAD ALREADY SAID SO... BUT NOW WE ARE CERTAIN YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE LESSON!
WHAT A SPLENDID DAY, THALA! YOU HAVE DISCOVERED A GENEROUS FRIEND...
... AND WE A NEW GUEST! LET US BE ON OUR WAY!
KRRR

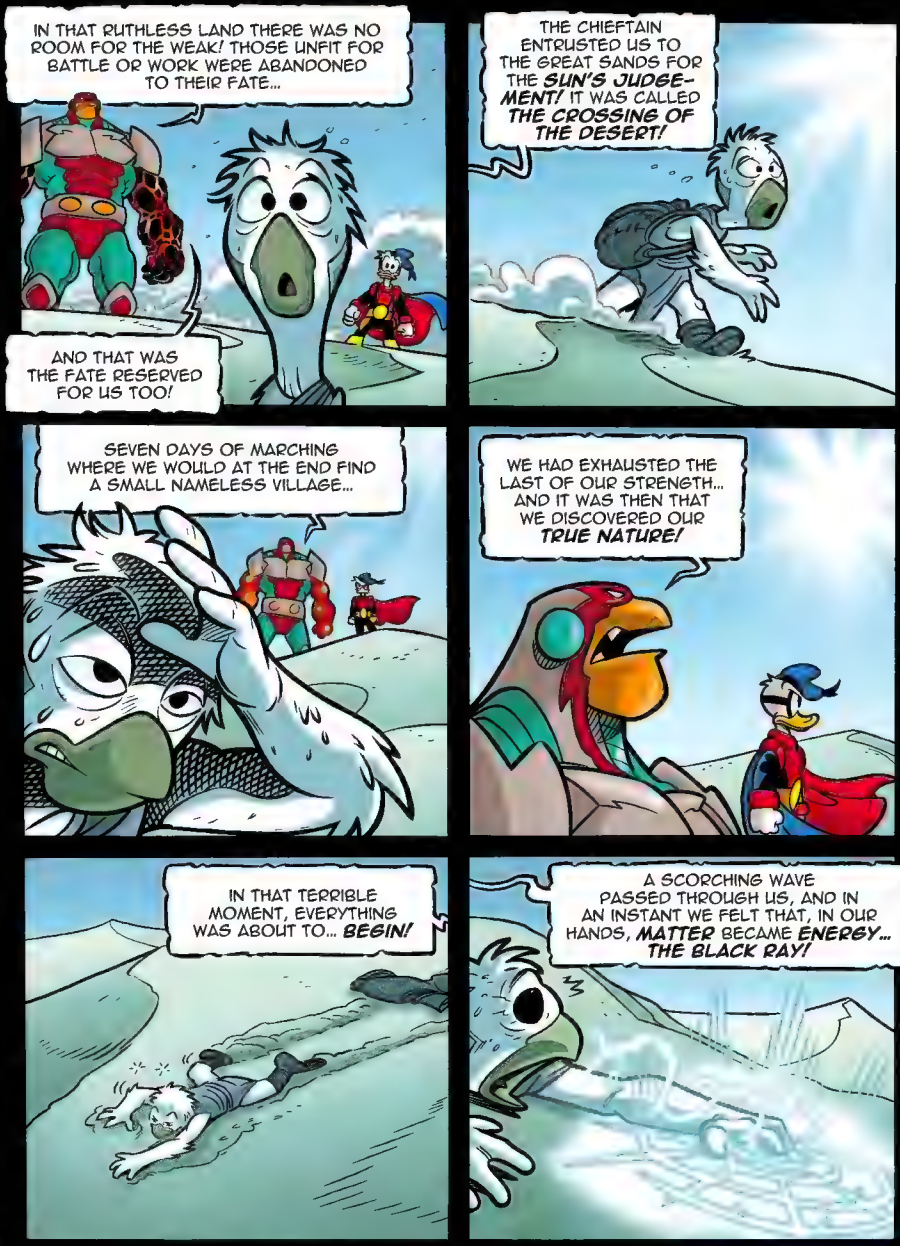

DUCK AVENGER... THAT IS THE NAME THEY CALL YOU BY! WHAT IS ITS SIGNIFICANCE?
WHEN I STARTED OUT, I WAS GETTING REVENGE ON THE ONES WHO DID ME WRONG!
HMM... I'VE LEARNED MUCH OF YOU, BUT THIS I WAS UNAWARE OF! YOU HAVE STOOD BY THIS NAME?
EHEM... MUCH HAS CHANGED AND THE NAME JUST STUCK! BUT... YOU KNOW THINGS ABOUT ME?
OH YES! WE HAVE MADE DISCOVERIES THROUGH EXPLORING THE TOWER!
FOR LONG WE HAVE NOT MET AN ADVERSARY WORTHY OF HIS NAME! YOU ARE WORTHY! YOUR INSIGNIFICANT APPEARANCE DID NOT FOOL US!
STOP WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OR YOU'LL MAKE ME BLUSH!

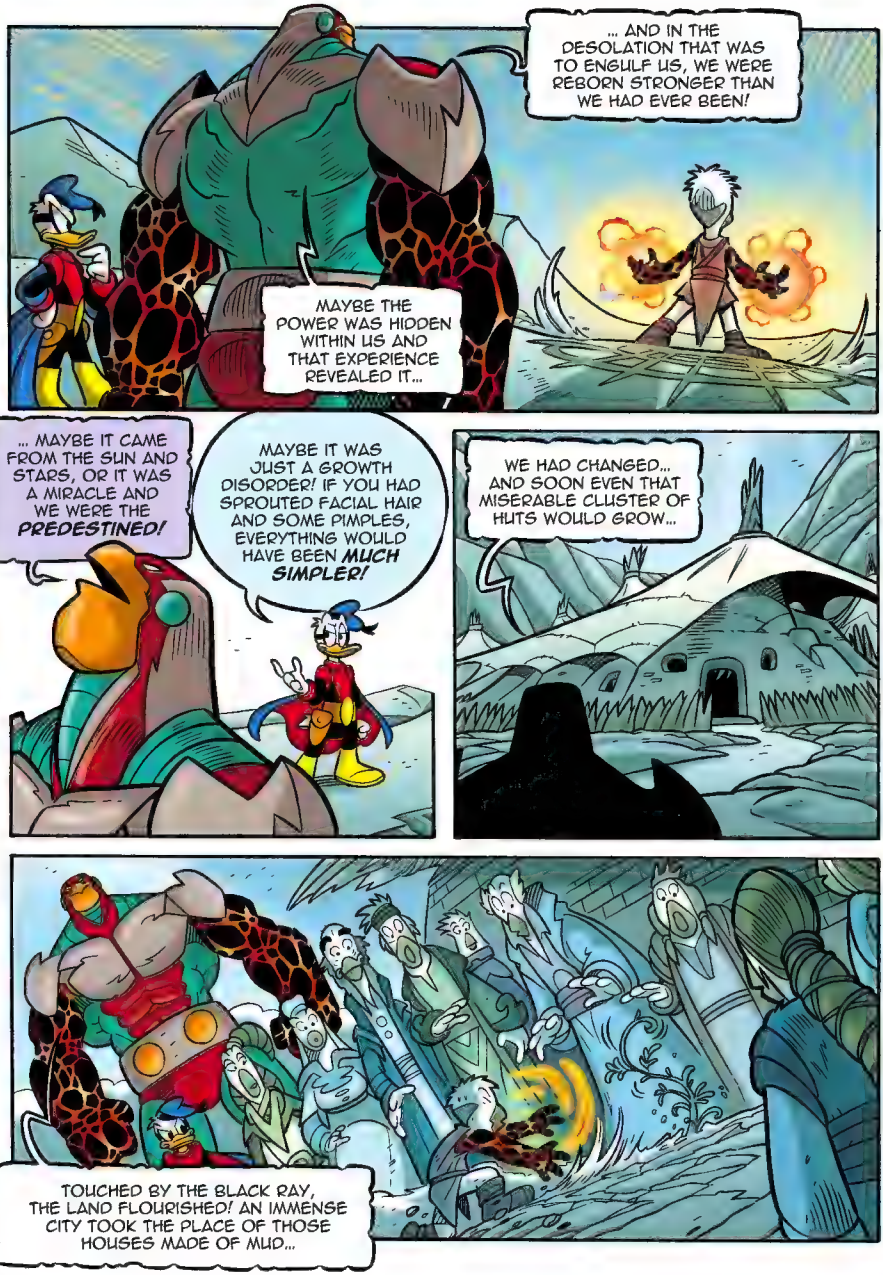

YOU KNOW, WE CONSIDERED EVERETT DUCKLAIR A LUDICROUS RIVAL AND THAT COST US DEARLY! WE WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE!
DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE'RE NOW FRIENDS?
OH, NO! IT MEANS THAT FOR THE TIME BEING YOU WON'T BE ATOMIZED!
BESIDES, YOU STOP BEING POWERFUL WHEN YOU NO LONGER CHOOSE YOUR ENEMIES AND MAKE DO WITH THE ONES YOU HAVE ON HAND!
FOR US IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! A GREAT FUTURE AWAITS US... AND WE WANT YOU AT OUR SIDE!
LISTEN, IF YOU DON'T HAVE INVISIBLE FRIENDS, YOU SHOULDN'T REFER TO YOURSELF IN THIRD PERSON! IT MAKES YOU SEEM...
... UH... MEGALOMANIACAL! PEOPLE COULD MAKE A WRONG OPINION ON YOUR ACCOUNT, UNDERSTAND?
UNDER-STOOD! YOU ARE MAKING FUN OF US!
I DO THAT WITH EVERYONE! IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL!
YOU MOCK FATE, DEFIANTLY GRINNING IN THE FACE OF YOUR DESTINY! WE LIKE YOU!
ENTER! HAVE NO FEAR! WE WANTED YOU TO SEE THIS FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND...

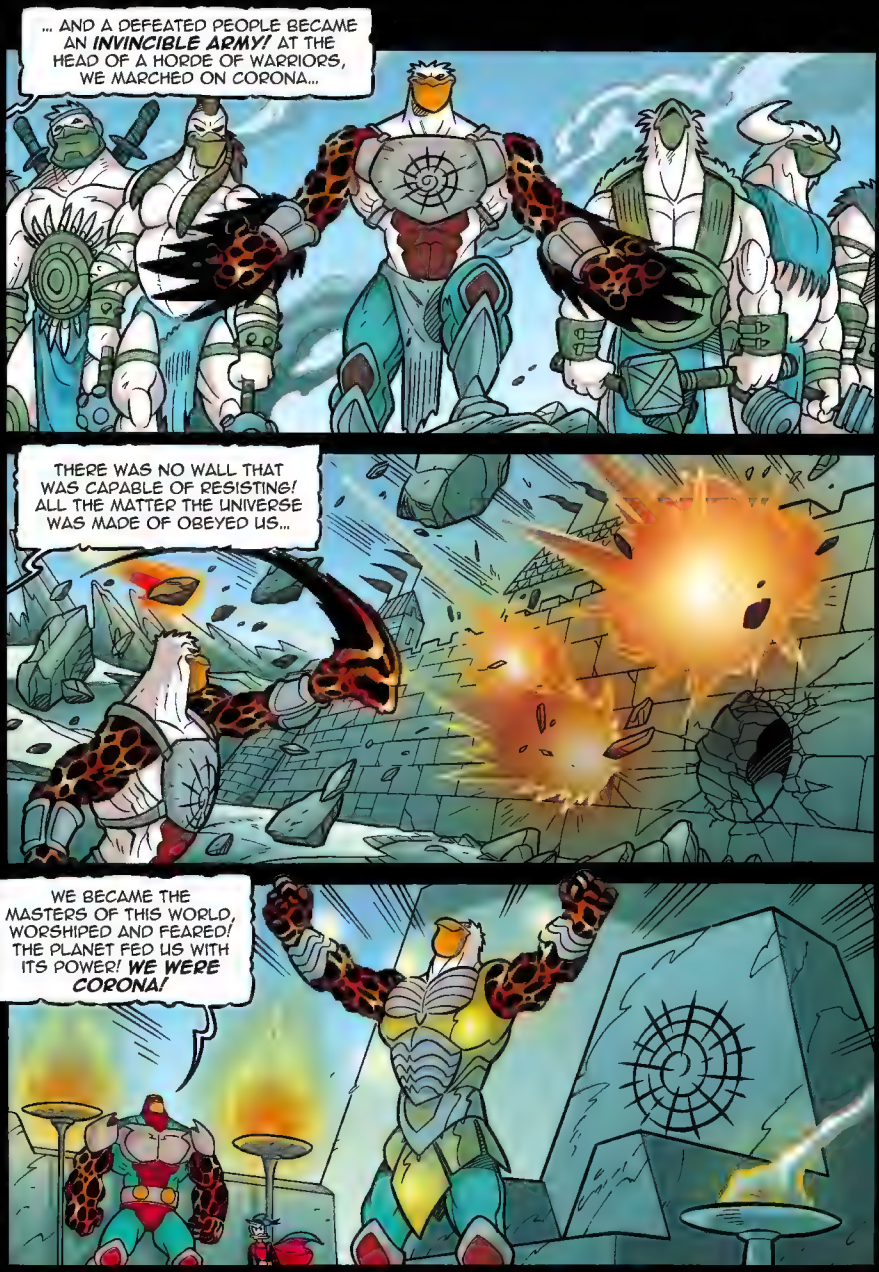

HERE IS ALL OUR HISTORY! EVERETT CALLED IT THE HALL OF REMORSE! HERE WE WERE MEANT TO MEDITATE AND REPENT...
... BUT TO US IT HAS BECOME THE FORGE WHERE WE SHAPE THE BLADE WITH WHICH WE'LL ONE DAY EXACT VENGEANCE AGAINST DUCKLAIR'S LINEAGE!


WHAT A COLLECTION! CLOTHES AND OBJECTS OF EVERY KIND! ARE THEY ALL FAMILY HEIRLOOMS?
WE'VE NEVER EVEN HAD ONE! THEY ARE ONLY MEMORIES!
DO YOU LIKE THAT BRACELET? IT BELONGED TO PRINCE SALAMAR, LORD OF BELIOS AND PROTECTOR OF THE OUTER BELT WORLDS! TAKE IT!
CAN I?
YOU MUST!
NNNGH!
HA HA HA!
DID YOU HEAR IT? THOSE WERE THE SCREAMS OF THE BEATEN! EACH OBJECT HAS A DIFFERENT SOUND! IT'S A GIFT FROM EVERETT TO ME...
HE CALLS IT PUNISHMENT... I CALL IT MUSIC!
THERE WERE VOICES... AND I SAW THINGS THAT WERE DREADFUL! WAS... WAS IT YOU?
EVERYTHING THAT SURROUNDS YOU IS OUR DOING! FOLLOW US, DUCK AVENGER...

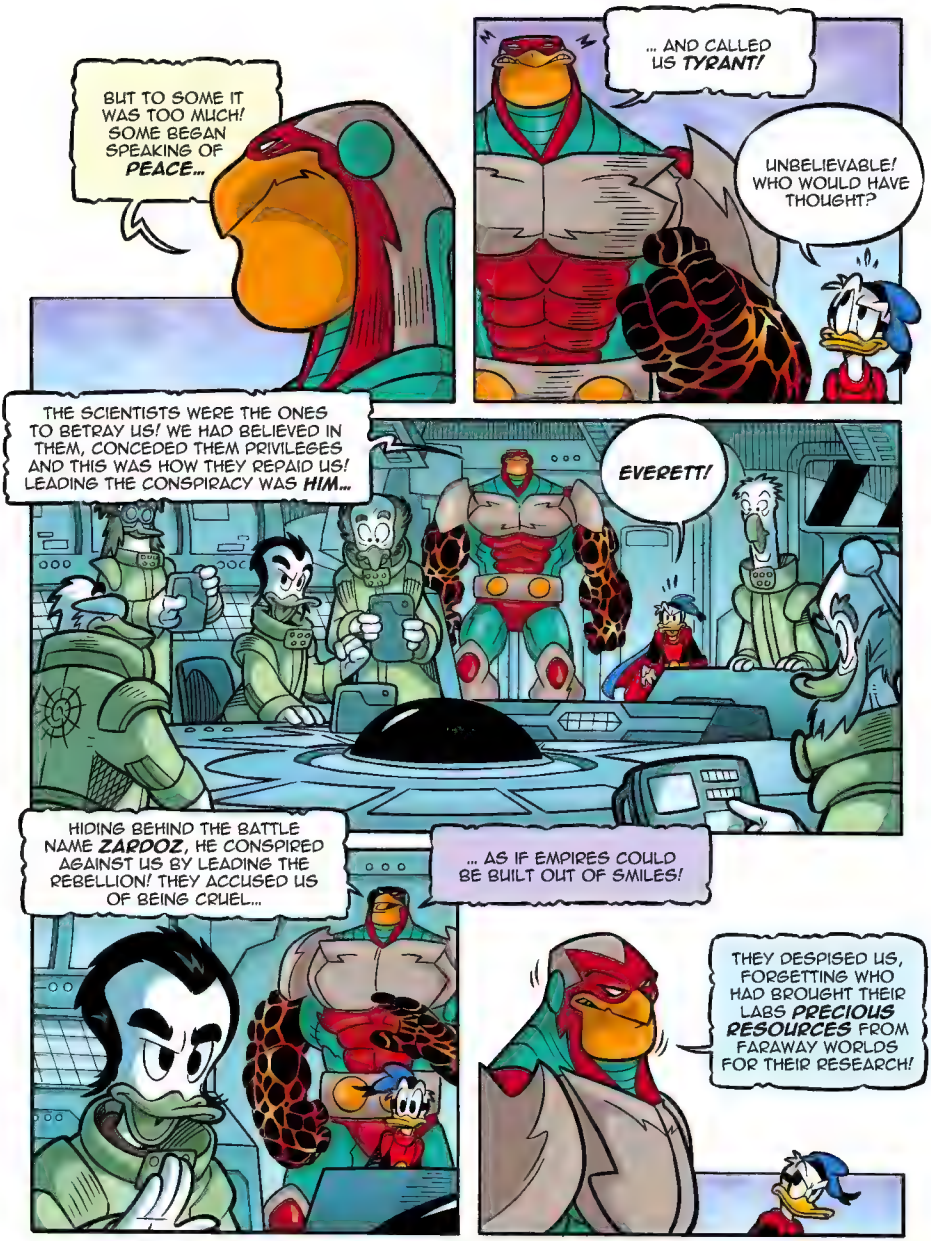
... AND CONTEMPLATE OUR LEGEND!
EVERYTHING BEGAN HERE, ON PLANET CORONA, A LONG TIME AGO... WHEN THAT WORLD STILL HAD FIVE MOONS!
THERE WERE ONLY TWO CITIES AND MANY VILLAGES GOVERNED BY SMALL WARRIOR CLANS! DOMINATE OR BE DOMINATED; THAT WAS THE ONLY RULE...

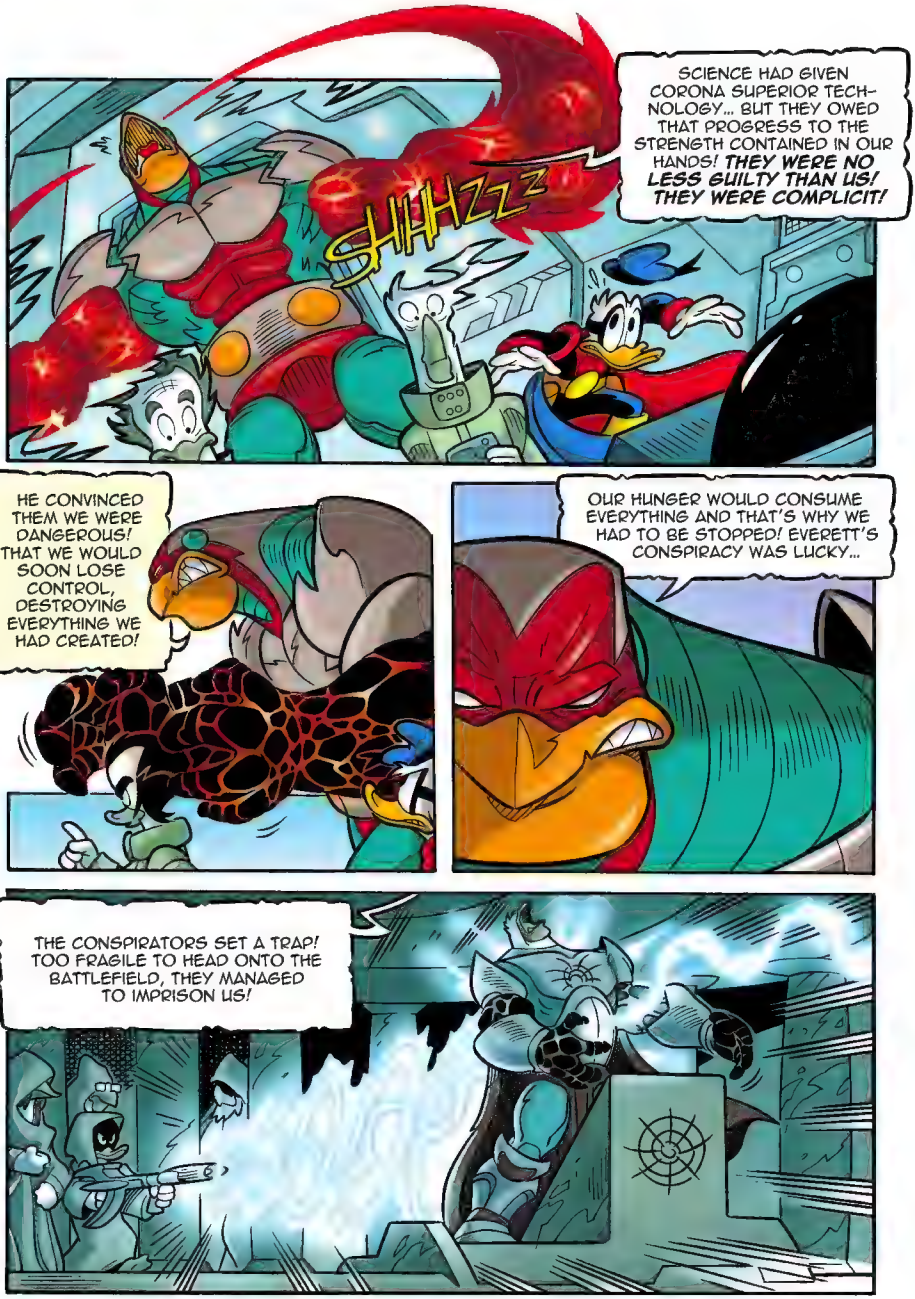

IN THAT RUTHLESS LAND THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THE WEAK! THOSE UNFIT FOR BATTLE OR WORK WERE ABANDONED TO THEIR FATE...
AND THAT WAS THE FATE RESERVED FOR US TOO!
THE CHIEFTAIN ENTRUSTED US TO THE GREAT SANDS FOR THE SUN'S JUDGEMENT! IT WAS CALLED THE CROSSING OF THE DESERT!
SEVEN DAYS OF MARCHING WHERE WE WOULD AT THE END FIND A SMALL NAMELESS VILLAGE...
WE HAD EXHAUSTED THE LAST OF OUR STRENGTH... AND IT WAS THEN THAT WE DISCOVERED OUR TRUE NATURE!
IN THAT TERRIBLE MOMENT, EVERYTHING WAS ABOUT TO... BEGIN!
A SCORCHING WAVE PASSED THROUGH US, AND IN AN INSTANT WE FELT THAT, IN OUR HANDS, MATTER BECAME ENERGY... THE BLACK RAY!

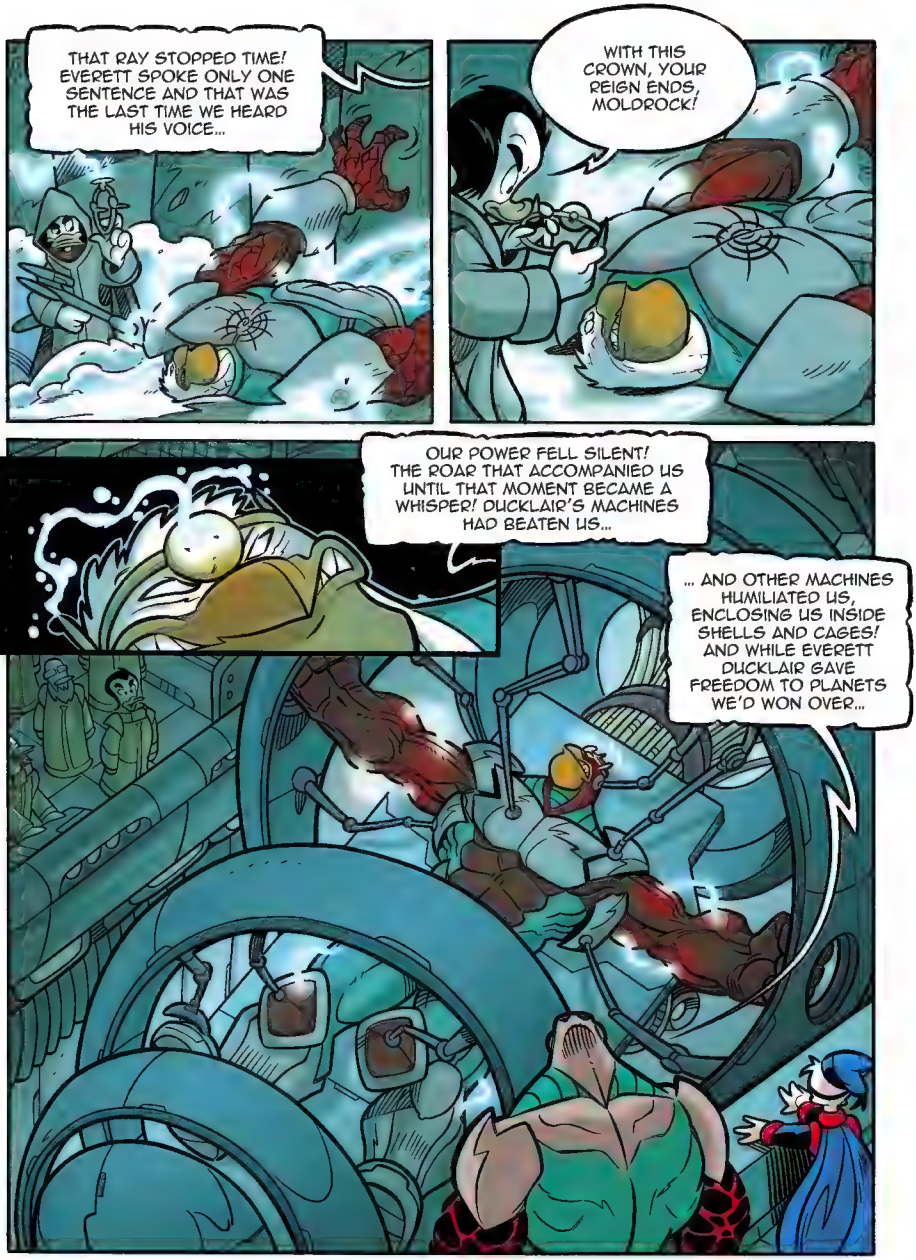

... AND IN THE DESOLATION THAT WAS TO ENGULF US, WE WERE REBORN STRONGER THAN WE HAD EVER BEEN!
MAYBE THE POWER WAS HIDDEN WITHIN US AND THAT EXPERIENCE REVEALED IT...
... MAYBE IT CAME FROM THE SUN AND STARS, OR IT WAS A MIRACLE AND WE WERE THE PREDESTINED!
MAYBE IT WAS JUST A GROWTH DISORDER! IF YOU HAD SPROUTED FACIAL HAIR AND SOME PIMPLES, EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH SIMPLER!
WE HAD CHANGED... AND SOON EVEN THAT MISERABLE CLUSTER OF HUTS WOULD GROW...
TOUCHED BY THE BLACK RAY, THE LAND FLOURISHED! AN IMMENSE CITY TOOK THE PLACE OF THOSE HOUSES MADE OF MUD...

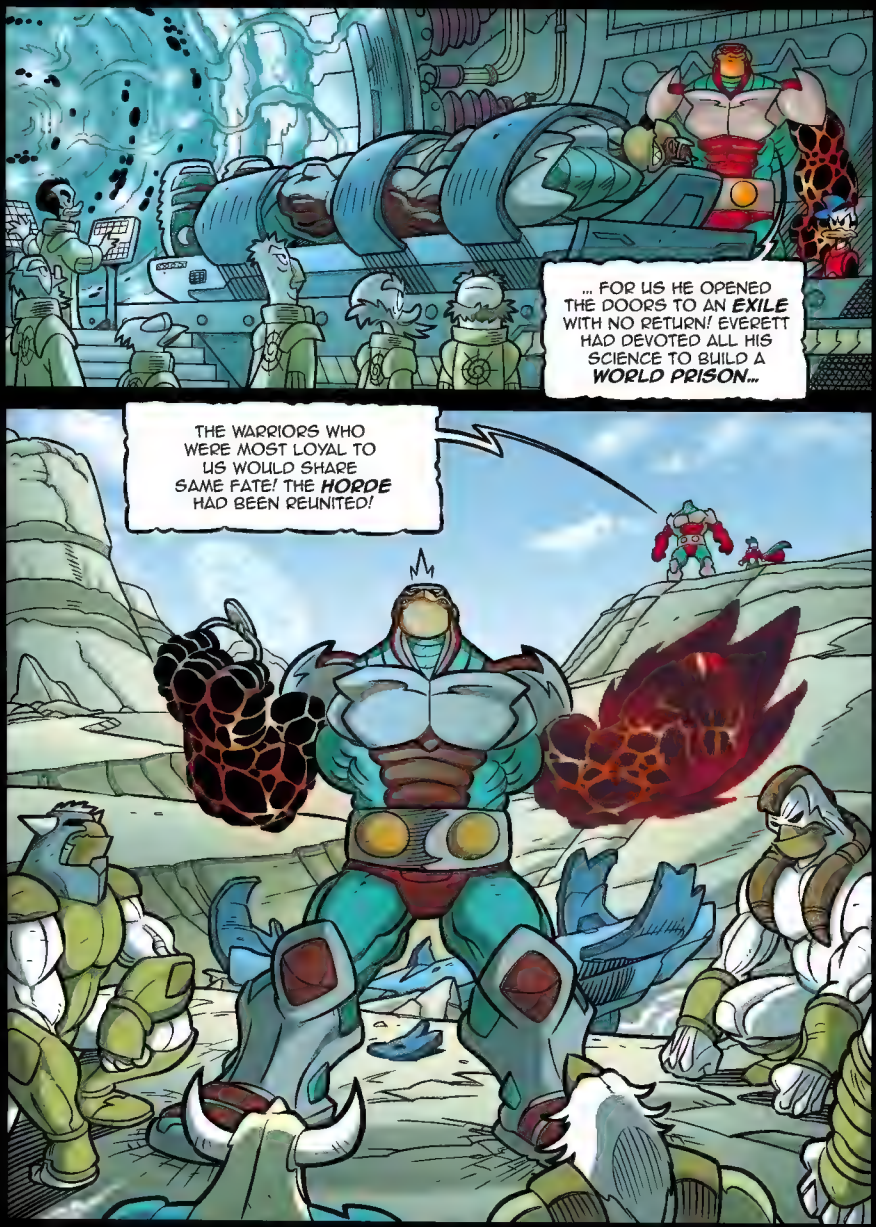

... AND A DEFEATED PEOPLE BECAME AN ***INVINCIBLE ARMY!*** AT THE HEAD OF A HORDE OF WARRIORS, WE MARCHED ON CORONA...
THERE WAS NO WALL THAT WAS CAPABLE OF RESISTING! ALL THE MATTER THE UNIVERSE WAS MADE OF OBEYED US...
WE BECAME THE MASTERS OF THIS WORLD, WORSHIPED AND FEARED! THE PLANET FED US WITH ITS POWER! ***WE WERE CORONA!***

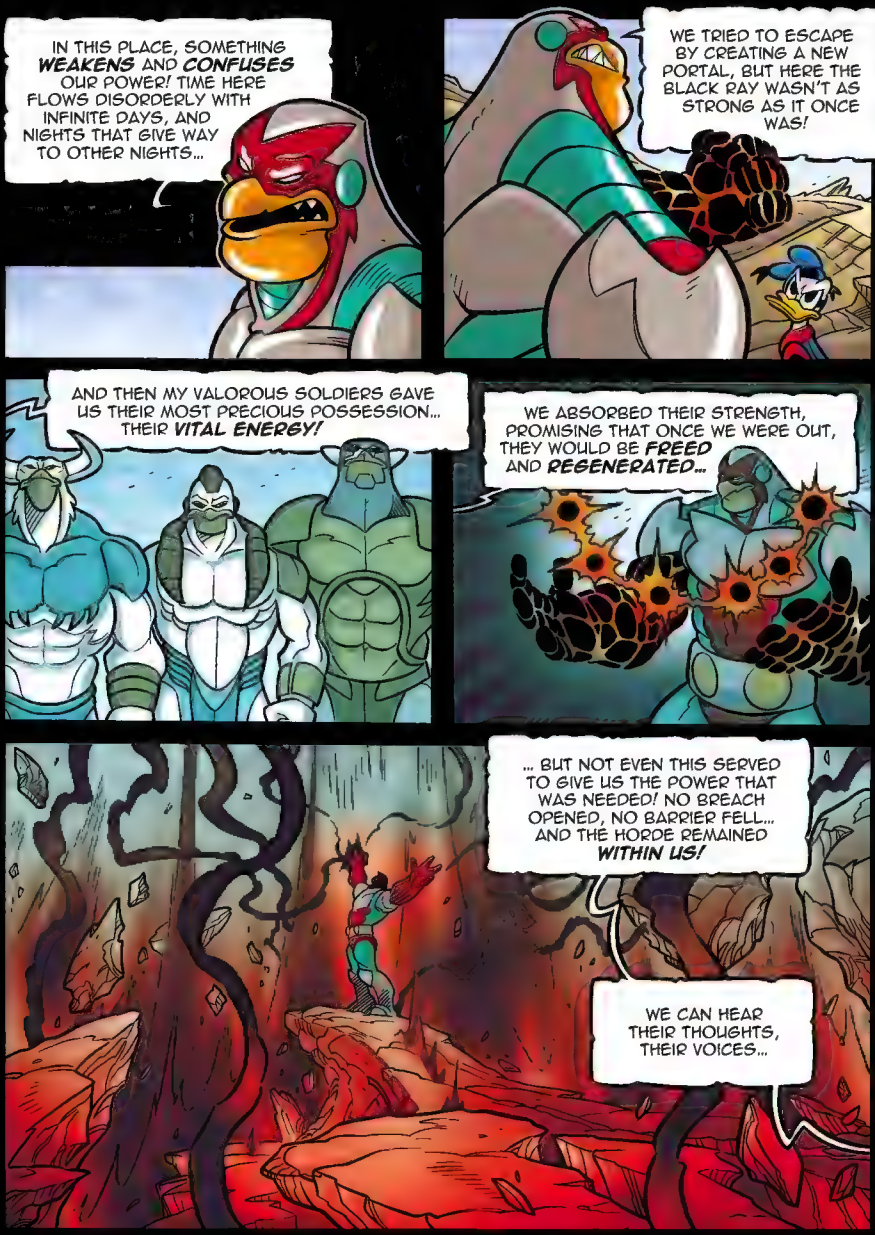
THE BLACK RAY BROUGHT PROSPERITY, PEACE AND PROGRESS! BUT WE STILL HUNGERED FOR CONQUEST AND THE CONFINES OF THE WORLD WERE AN OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME...
WE HAD A DREAM AND THE SCHOLARS IN OUR SERVICE MADE IT REAL! FLYING MACHINES TO LEAD US TO NEW TRIUMPHS!
KINGDOMS AND CIVILIZATIONS FELL! OUR MARK WAS IMPRINTED ON OTHER PLANETS! IF THE UNIVERSE HAD LIMITS, WE WERE READY TO REACH THEM...

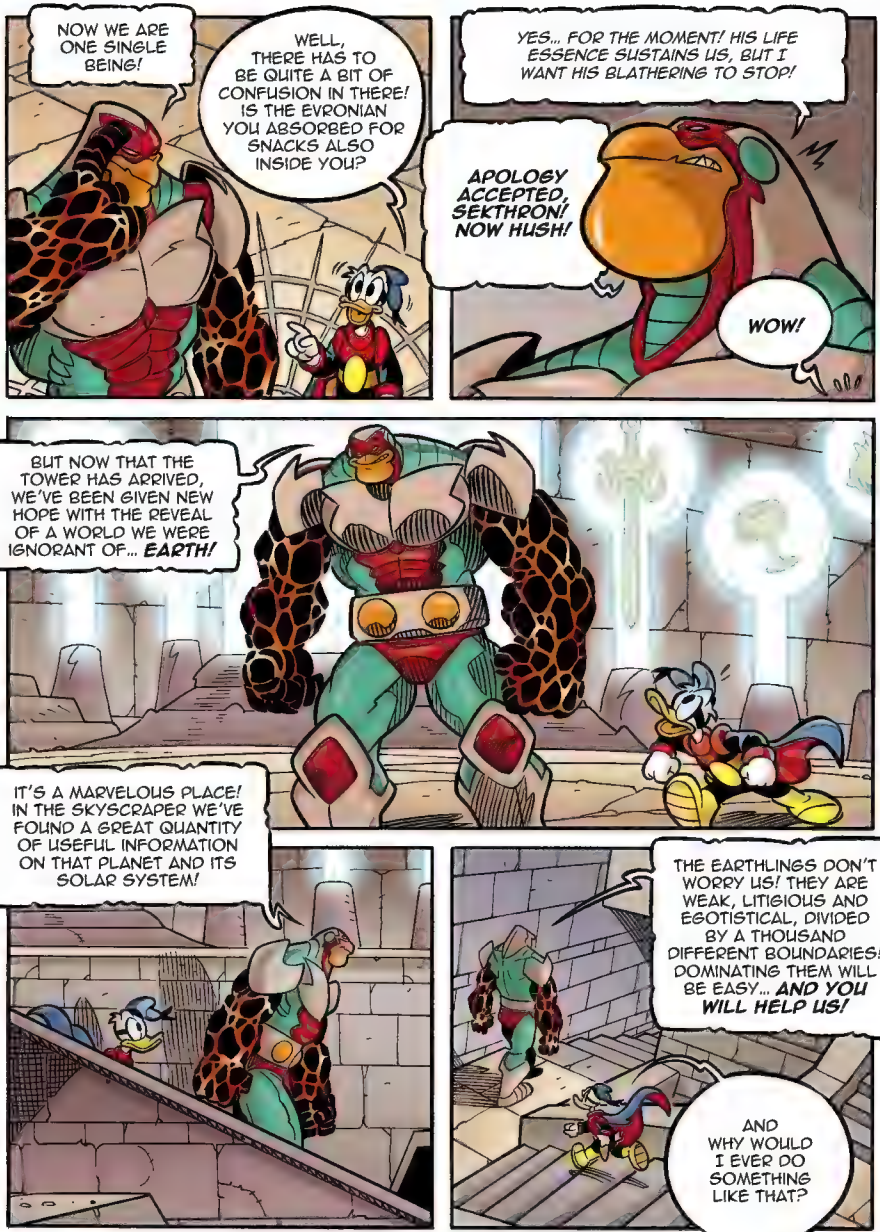

BUT TO SOME IT WAS TOO MUCH! SOME BEGAN SPEAKING OF PEACE...
... AND CALLED US TYRANT!
UNBELIEVABLE! WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?
THE SCIENTISTS WERE THE ONES TO BETRAY US! WE HAD BELIEVED IN THEM, CONCEDED THEM PRIVILEGES AND THIS WAS HOW THEY REPAID US! LEADING THE CONSPIRACY WAS HIM...
EVERETT!
HIDING BEHIND THE BATTLE NAME ZARDOZ, HE CONSPIRED AGAINST US BY LEADING THE REBELLION! THEY ACCUSED US OF BEING CRUEL...
... AS IF EMPIRES COULD BE BUILT OUT OF SMILES!
THEY DESPISED US, FORGETTING WHO HAD BROUGHT THEIR LABS PRECIOUS RESOURCES FROM FARAWAY WORLDS FOR THEIR RESEARCH!

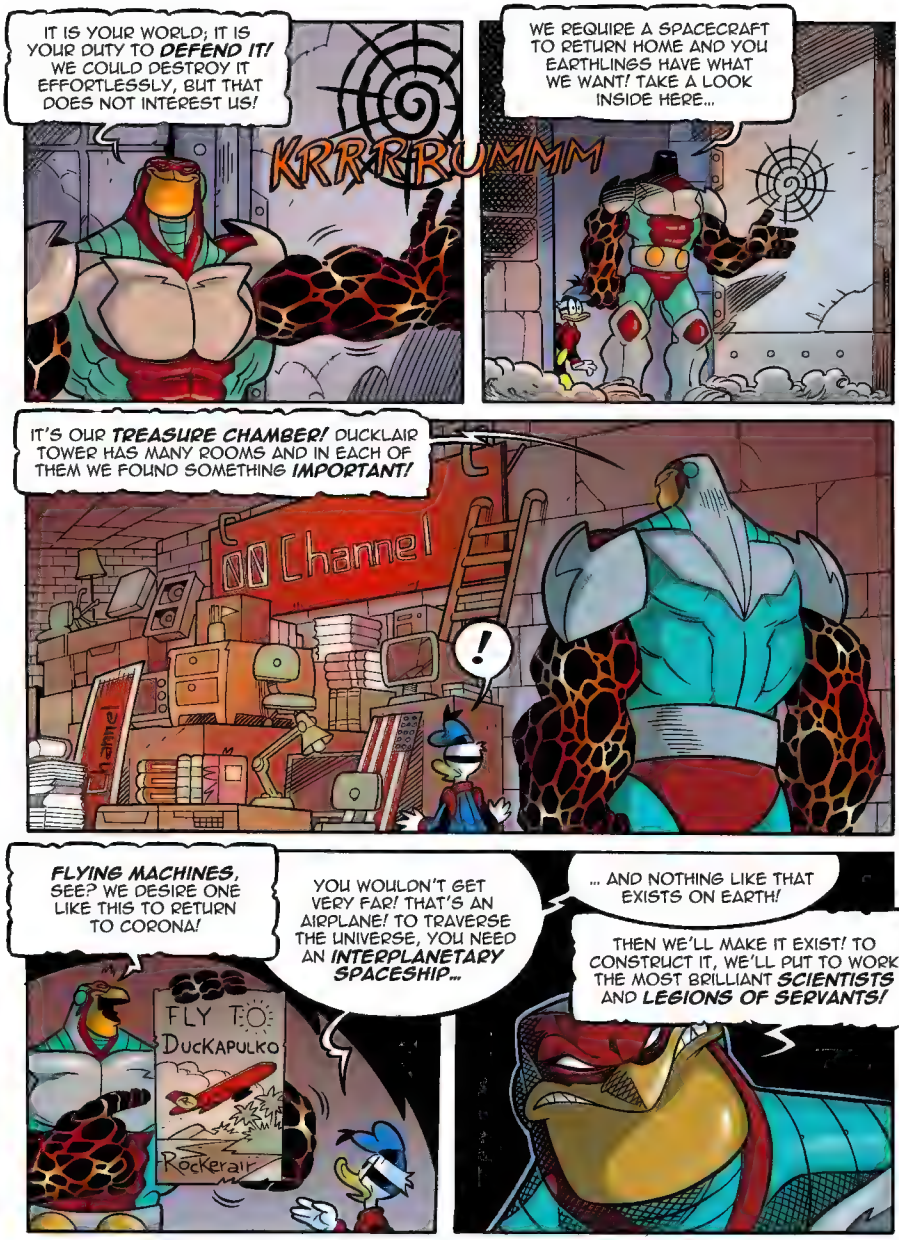

SCIENCE HAD GIVEN CORONA SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY... BUT THEY OWED THAT PROGRESS TO THE STRENGTH CONTAINED IN OUR HANDS! THEY WERE NO LESS GUILTY THAN US! THEY WERE COMPLICIT!
SHHZZ
HE CONVINCED THEM WE WERE DANGEROUS! THAT WE WOULD SOON LOSE CONTROL, DESTROYING EVERYTHING WE HAD CREATED!
OUR HUNGER WOULD CONSUME EVERYTHING AND THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO BE STOPPED! EVERETT'S CONSPIRACY WAS LUCKY...
THE CONSPIRATORS SET A TRAP! TOO FRAGILE TO HEAD ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD, THEY MANAGED TO IMPRISON US!

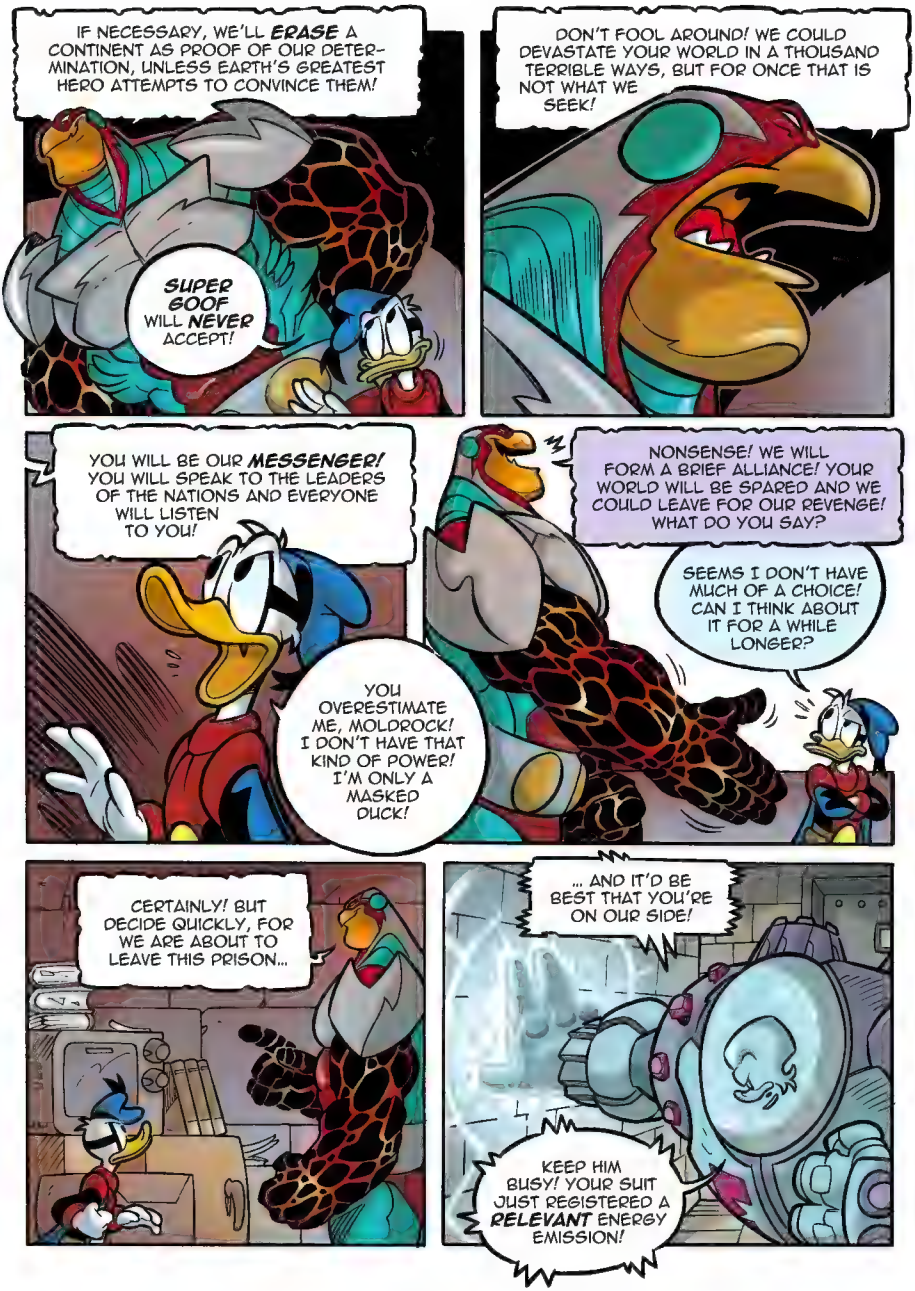

THAT RAY STOPPED TIME! EVERETT SPOKE ONLY ONE SENTENCE AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME WE HEARD HIS VOICE...
WITH THIS CROWN, YOUR REIGN ENDS, MOLDROCK!
OUR POWER FELL SILENT! THE ROAR THAT ACCOMPANIED US UNTIL THAT MOMENT BECAME A WHISPER! DUCKLAIR'S MACHINES HAD BEATEN US...
... AND OTHER MACHINES HUMILIATED US, ENCLOSING US INSIDE SHELLS AND CAGES! AND WHILE EVERETT DUCKLAIR GAVE FREEDOM TO PLANETS WE'D WON OVER...

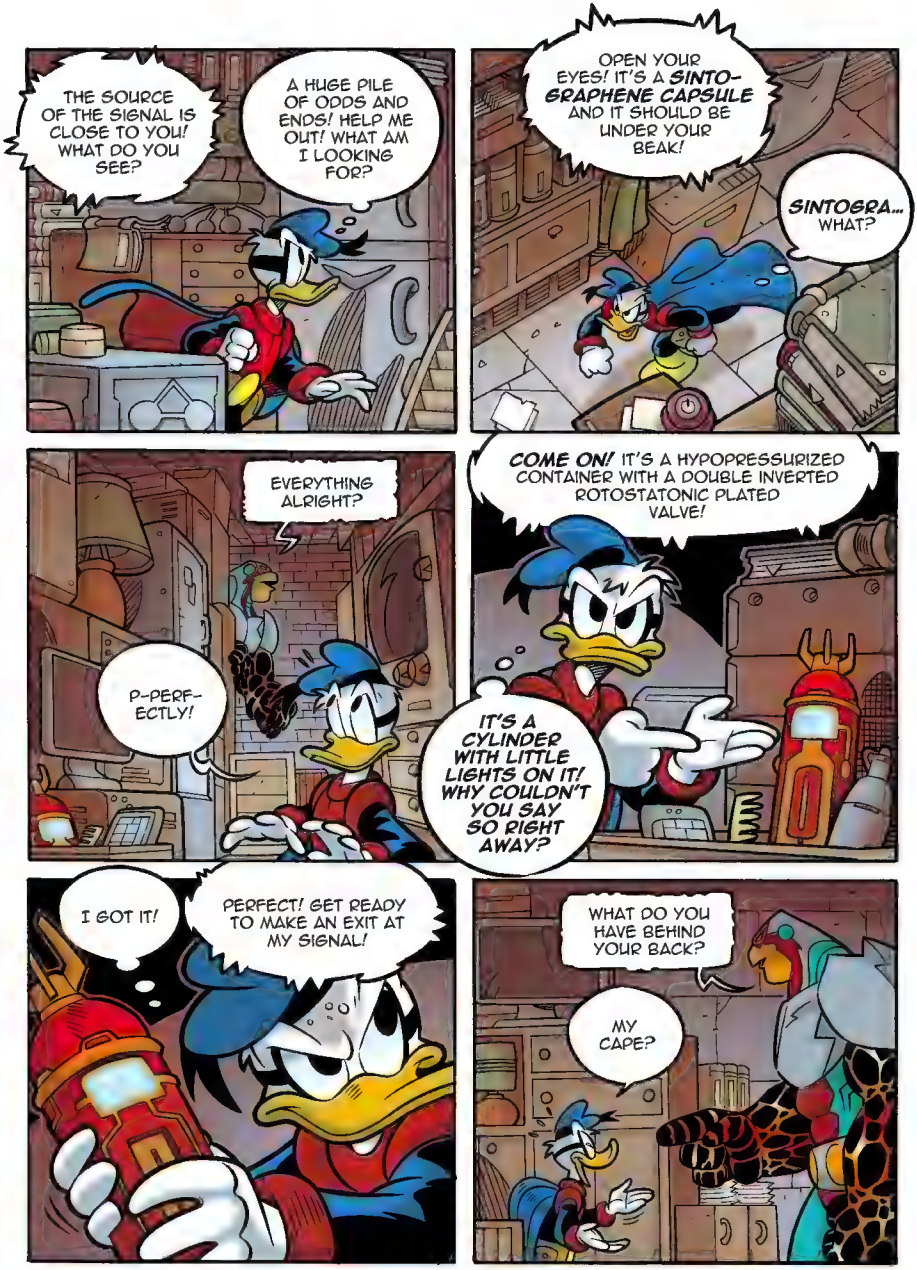

... FOR US HE OPENED THE DOORS TO AN EXILE WITH NO RETURN! EVERETT HAD DEVOTED ALL HIS SCIENCE TO BUILD A WORLD PRISON...
THE WARRIORS WHO WERE MOST LOYAL TO US WOULD SHARE SAME FATE! THE HORDE HAD BEEN REUNITED!


IN THIS PLACE, SOMETHING WEAKENS AND CONFUSES OUR POWER! TIME HERE FLOWS DISORDERLY WITH INFINITE DAYS, AND NIGHTS THAT GIVE WAY TO OTHER NIGHTS...
WE TRIED TO ESCAPE BY CREATING A NEW PORTAL, BUT HERE THE BLACK RAY WASN'T AS STRONG AS IT ONCE WAS!
AND THEN MY VALOROUS SOLDIERS GAVE US THEIR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION... THEIR VITAL ENERGY!
WE ABSORBED THEIR STRENGTH, PROMISING THAT ONCE WE WERE OUT, THEY WOULD BE FREED AND REGENERATED...
... BUT NOT EVEN THIS SERVED TO GIVE US THE POWER THAT WAS NEEDED! NO BREACH OPENED, NO BARRIER FELL... AND THE HORDE REMAINED WITHIN US!
WE CAN HEAR THEIR THOUGHTS, THEIR VOICES...

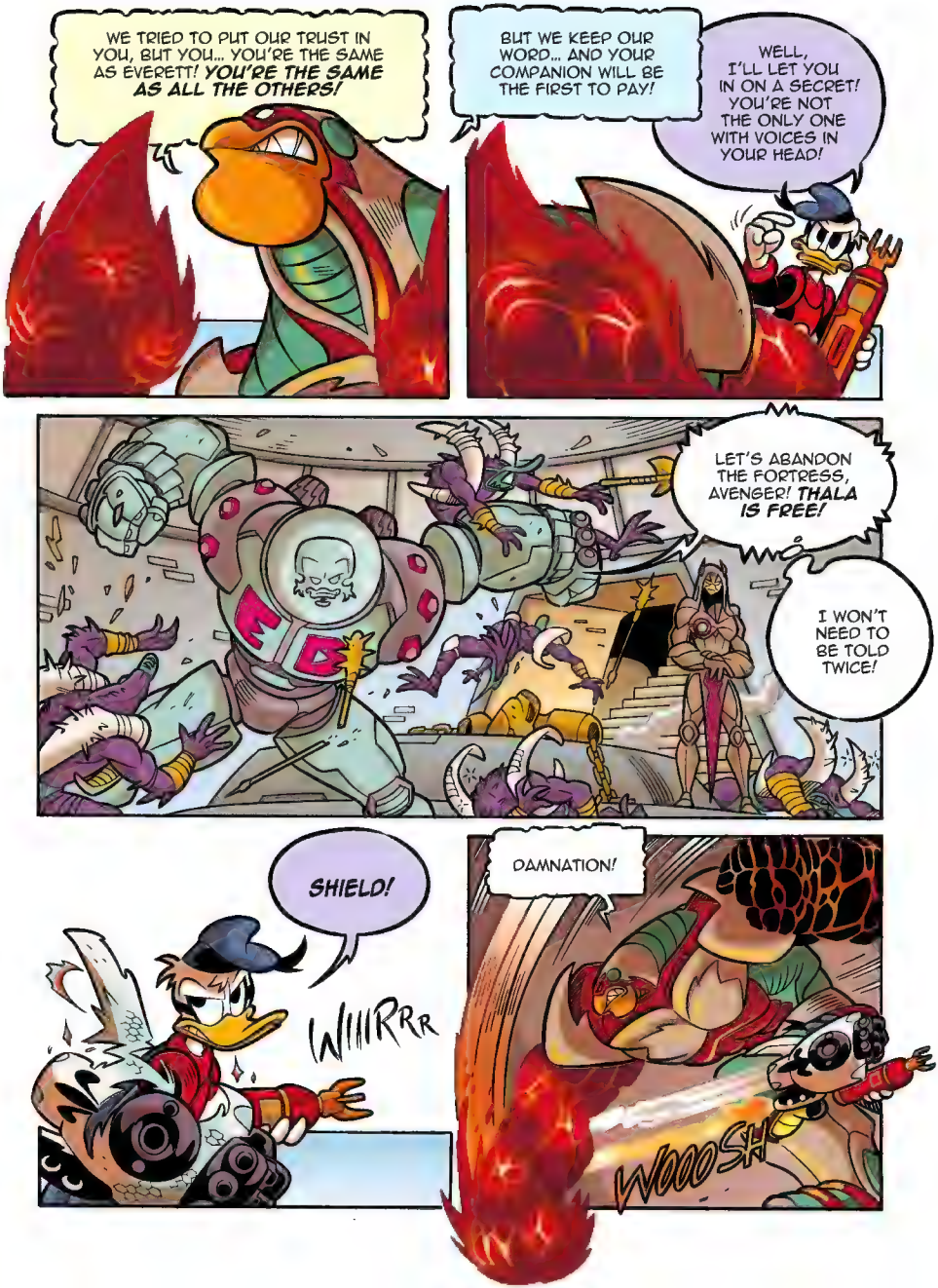

NOW WE ARE ONE SINGLE BEING!
WELL, THERE HAS TO BE QUITE A BIT OF CONFUSION IN THERE! IS THE EVRONIAN YOU ABSORBED FOR SNACKS ALSO INSIDE YOU?
YES... FOR THE MOMENT! HIS LIFE ESSENCE SUSTAINS US, BUT I WANT HIS BLATHERING TO STOP!
APOLOGY ACCEPTED, SEKTHRON! NOW HUSH!
WOW!
BUT NOW THAT THE TOWER HAS ARRIVED, WE'VE BEEN GIVEN NEW HOPE WITH THE REVEAL OF A WORLD WE WERE IGNORANT OF... EARTH!
IT'S A MARVELOUS PLACE! IN THE SKYSCRAPER WE'VE FOUND A GREAT QUANTITY OF USEFUL INFORMATION ON THAT PLANET AND ITS SOLAR SYSTEM!
THE EARTHLINGS DON'T WORRY US! THEY ARE WEAK, LITIGIOUS AND EGOTISTICAL, DIVIDED BY A THOUSAND DIFFERENT BOUNDARIES! DOMINATING THEM WILL BE EASY... AND YOU WILL HELP US!
AND WHY WOULD I EVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

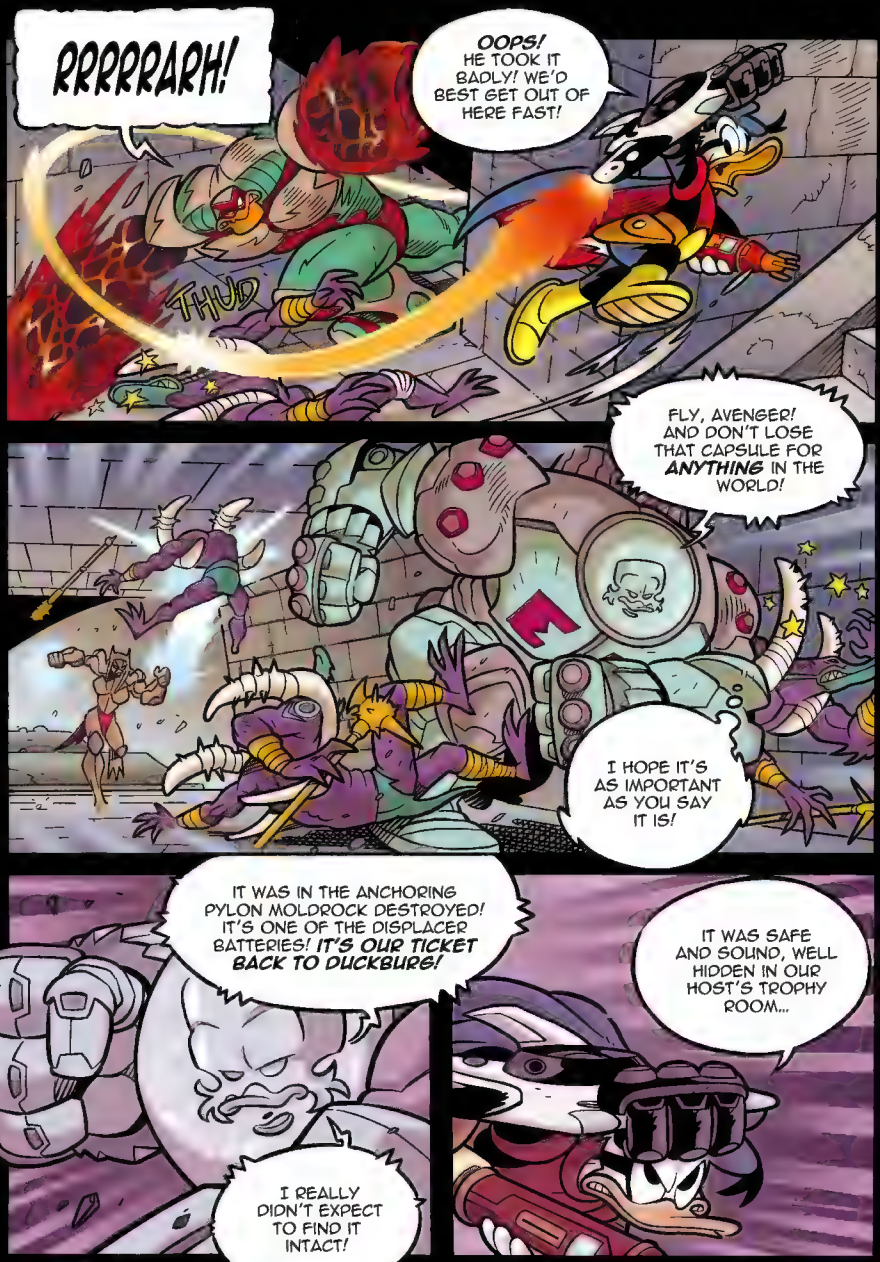

IT IS YOUR WORLD; IT IS YOUR DUTY TO DEFEND IT! WE COULD DESTROY IT EFFORTLESSLY, BUT THAT DOES NOT INTEREST US!
KRRRRUMMM
WE REQUIRE A SPACECRAFT TO RETURN HOME AND YOU EARTHLINGS HAVE WHAT WE WANT! TAKE A LOOK INSIDE HERE...
IT'S OUR TREASURE CHAMBER! DUCKLAIR TOWER HAS MANY ROOMS AND IN EACH OF THEM WE FOUND SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
00 Channel
!
FLYING MACHINES, SEE? WE DESIRE ONE LIKE THIS TO RETURN TO CORONA!
YOU WOULDN'T GET VERY FAR! THAT'S AN AIRPLANE! TO TRAVERSE THE UNIVERSE, YOU NEED AN INTERPLANETARY SPACESHIP...
FLY TO: DUCKAPULKO
Rockerair
... AND NOTHING LIKE THAT EXISTS ON EARTH!
THEN WE'LL MAKE IT EXIST! TO CONSTRUCT IT, WE'LL PUT TO WORK THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTISTS AND LEGIONS OF SERVANTS!


IF NECESSARY, WE'LL ERASE A CONTINENT AS PROOF OF OUR DETERMINATION, UNLESS EARTH'S GREATEST HERO ATTEMPTS TO CONVINCE THEM!
SUPER GOOF WILL NEVER ACCEPT!
DON'T FOOL AROUND! WE COULD DEVASTATE YOUR WORLD IN A THOUSAND TERRIBLE WAYS, BUT FOR ONCE THAT IS NOT WHAT WE SEEK!
YOU WILL BE OUR MESSENGER! YOU WILL SPEAK TO THE LEADERS OF THE NATIONS AND EVERYONE WILL LISTEN TO YOU!
YOU OVERESTIMATE ME, MOLDROCK! I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER! I'M ONLY A MASKED DUCK!
NONSENSE! WE WILL FORM A BRIEF ALLIANCE! YOUR WORLD WILL BE SPARED AND WE COULD LEAVE FOR OUR REVENGE! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
SEEMS I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE! CAN I THINK ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE LONGER?
CERTAINLY! BUT DECIDE QUICKLY, FOR WE ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE THIS PRISON...
... AND IT'D BE BEST THAT YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE!
KEEP HIM BUSY! YOUR SUIT JUST REGISTERED A RELEVANT ENERGY EMISSION!


THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL IS CLOSE TO YOU! WHAT DO YOU SEE?
A HUGE PILE OF ODDS AND ENDS! HELP ME OUT! WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?
OPEN YOUR EYES! IT'S A SINTOGRAPHENE CAPSULE AND IT SHOULD BE UNDER YOUR BEAK!
SINTOGRA... WHAT?
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
P-PERFECTLY!
COME ON! IT'S A HYPOPRESSURIZED CONTAINER WITH A DOUBLE INVERTED ROTOSTATONIC PLATED VALVE!
IT'S A CYLINDER WITH LITTLE LIGHTS ON IT! WHY COULDN'T YOU SAY SO RIGHT AWAY?
I GOT IT!
PERFECT! GET READY TO MAKE AN EXIT AT MY SIGNAL!
WHAT DO YOU HAVE BEHIND YOUR BACK?
MY CAPE?

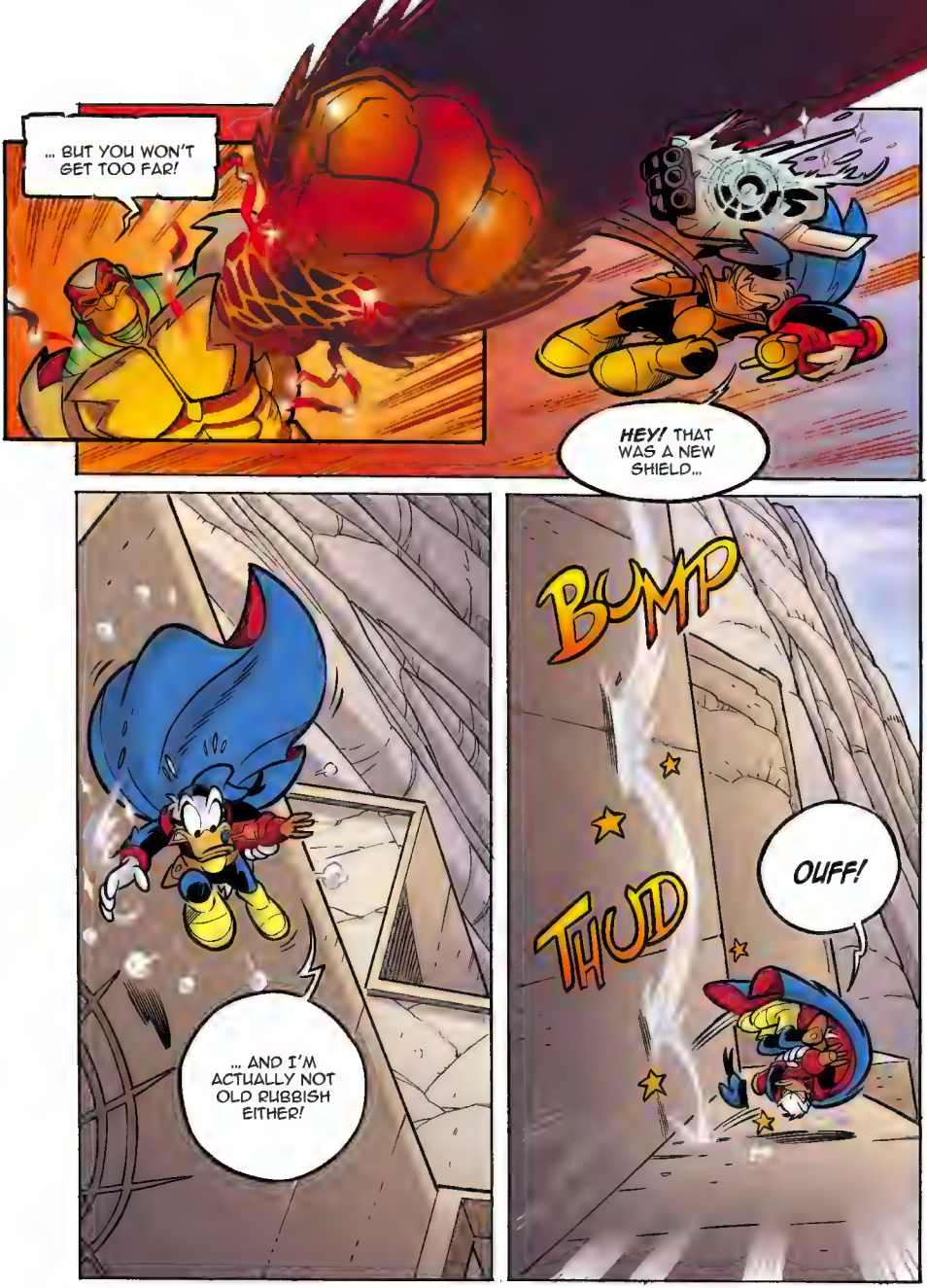
ARE YOU MAKING A FOOL OUT OF US?
CLANG
GROAN! W-WHAT SHOULD I DO? MOLDROCK IS GETTING EDGY!
HUH? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
THOOOM
URGH! WHAT WAS THAT?
BUMP
MY LORD! THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION IN THE DUNGEONS!
!
YOU! YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T PULL ANY TRICKS!
AND I'VE KEPT MY WORD... BUT MY FRIEND WITH THE BIG BLUE HEAD PROMISED NOTHING!
THOOM


WE TRIED TO PUT OUR TRUST IN YOU, BUT YOU... YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVERETT! YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALL THE OTHERS!
BUT WE KEEP OUR WORD... AND YOUR COMPANION WILL BE THE FIRST TO PAY!
WELL, I'LL LET YOU IN ON A SECRET! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH VOICES IN YOUR HEAD!
LET'S ABANDON THE FORTRESS, AVENGER! THALA IS FREE!
I WON'T NEED TO BE TOLD TWICE!
SHIELD!
WHIRRR
DAMNATION!
WOOSH


RRRRRARH!
THUD
OOPS! HE TOOK IT BADLY! WE'D BEST GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
FLY, AVENGER! AND DON'T LOSE THAT CAPSULE FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!
I HOPE IT'S AS IMPORTANT AS YOU SAY IT IS!
IT WAS IN THE ANCHORING PYLON MOLDROCK DESTROYED! IT'S ONE OF THE DISPLACER BATTERIES! IT'S OUR TICKET BACK TO DUCKBURG!
I REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND IT INTACT!
IT WAS SAFE AND SOUND, WELL HIDDEN IN OUR HOST'S TROPHY ROOM...

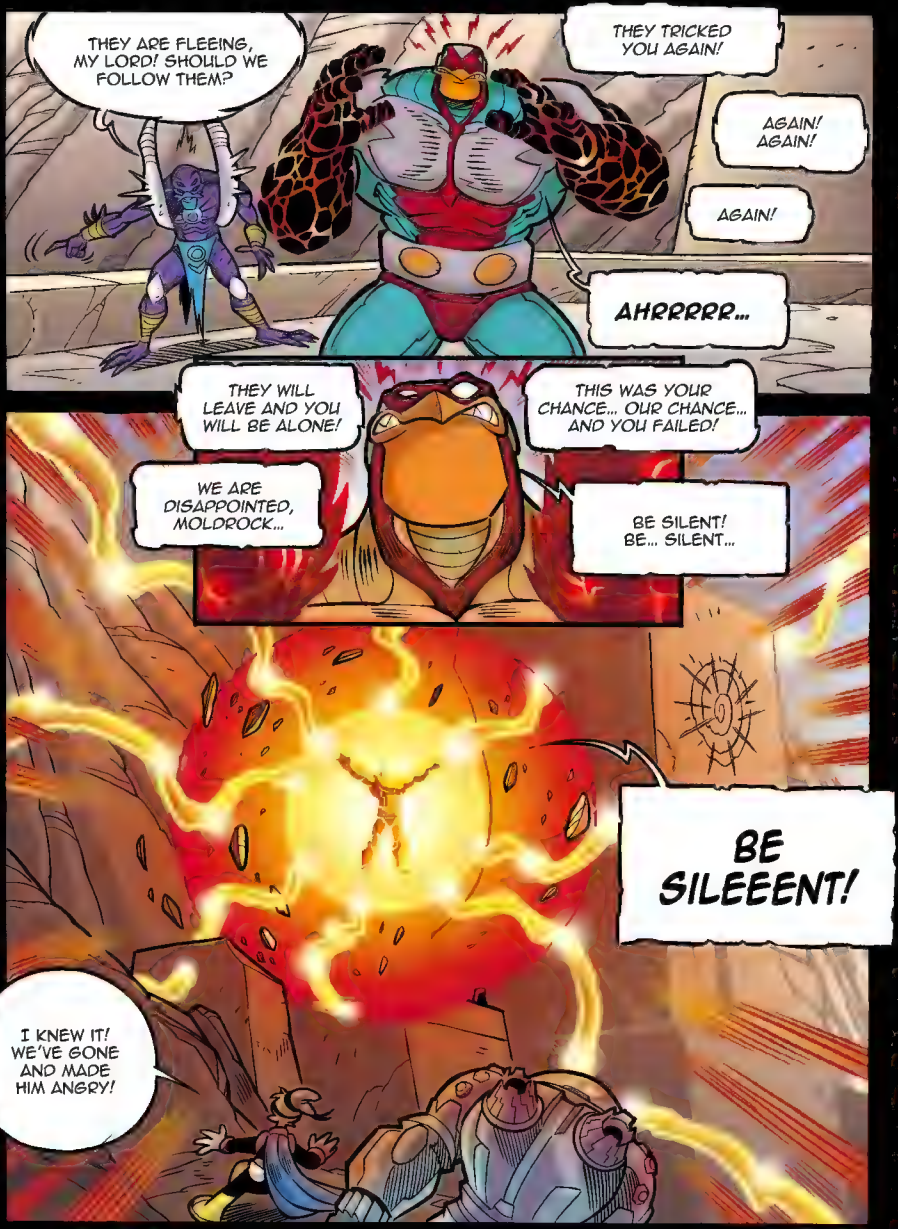
SHOOM
... AND I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WON'T LET ME LEAVE WITH IT SO EASILY!
YOU WASTED YOUR ONLY CHANCE OF SALVATION, DUCK, AND IN DOING SO YOU HAVE CONDEMNED YOUR WORLD!
KRUK
OUFF!
YOU COULD HAVE RETURNED TO EARTH WITH HONOR...
!
CHUD
... AND INSTEAD YOU'LL DO SO VANQUISHED, WITH OUR MARK PRINTED ON YOUR CHEST!
SHIIIIIN

ZWAAAASH
UNNNGH!
GLOM! NICE SHOT, MOLDROCK...
WHRR
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN, BECAUSE I NEVER LEAVE HOME WITHOUT A BACKUP SHIELD!
YOU CAN FLEE, DUCK AVENGER...
FWOOOSH


... BUT YOU WON'T GET TOO FAR!
HEY! THAT WAS A NEW SHIELD...
... AND I'M ACTUALLY NOT OLD RUBBISH EITHER!
BUMP
THUD
OUFF!

KRUNCH
OH NO! EVRONIANS! IS THERE NO END TO THEM?
SKRANK
DON'T BE OFFENDED, BOYS, BUT YOU'RE REALLY CLINGY AND I NEED MY SPACE! WE'LL NEVER GET ALONG LIKE THIS!
GO ON, HERO! STOP BLABBERING AND FIGHT!
ASTONISHING! MOLDROCK AND I THINK THE SAME WAY!
!

KROOOOM
WOAH! I THOUGHT YOU WERE LONG GONE BY NOW!
AND MISS THE CHANCE TO BREAK THROUGH ANOTHER WALL? I'M BEGINNING TO FIND IT AMUSING...
... BUT WHAT I LIKE BEST IS ROUGHING UP THESE PARASITES!
ZZZAP
SMASH
FIGHT WITH YOUR BEAK SHUT! DO YOU WANT TO STEAL MY JOB?
TAKE IT, THALA! BRING IT TO THE TOWER AND PUT IT TO SAFETY!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
AND WE'D BEST BE FOLLOWING HER!
THERE'S NOTHING I WANT MORE!


THEY ARE FLEEING, MY LORD! SHOULD WE FOLLOW THEM?
THEY TRICKED YOU AGAIN!
AGAIN! AGAIN!
AGAIN!
AHRRRRR...
THEY WILL LEAVE AND YOU WILL BE ALONE!
THIS WAS YOUR CHANCE... OUR CHANCE... AND YOU FAILED!
WE ARE DISAPPOINTED, MOLDROCK...
BE SILENT! BE... SILENT...
BE SILEEENT!
I KNEW IT! WE'VE GONE AND MADE HIM ANGRY!

WE WERE WEAK TO LOOK FOR A WAY THAT WAS NOT THAT OF CONFRONTATION, BUT YOUR DUPLICITY OPENED OUR EYES!
WE ARE MOLDROCK! WE ARE WAR!
THAT GUY TALKS MORE THAN YOU, BUT WE CAN'T STAY HERE TO LISTEN TO HIM! HOLD TIGHT!
CLUNK
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
EEEEEK!
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE, DUCK AVENGER!
GASP! I DON'T LIKE YOUR SHORTCUTS!
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET! I MADE A FEW ADJUSTMENTS TO MY BATTLE ARMOR...

YOU DO COME WITH AN AIRBAG, RIGHT?
FWOOOOOOM
YOUR SKEPTICISM IS OFFENSIVE! IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME, YOU CAN GO BACK TO DUCKLAIR TOWER ON FOOT! YOU KNOW THE WAY BY NOW...

OH, YOU HAVE ALL MY TRUST! IT'S MOLDROCK I'M WORRIED ABOUT!
I CONCUR! IT'S NOT PRUDENT TO HAVE AN ENERGY TRANSMUTER WITH EARTH-SHAPING POWERS AS AN ENEMY...
... AND IF THAT IS NOT ENOUGH, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON A SHOT FROM THE DEMOLECULARIZING LASER!
BZZZZZ
... BUT EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S LESSON TEACHES US THAT INVINCIBLE ENEMIES DON'T EXIST! WILL, COURAGE AND STRATEGY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE...
THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS SAY AS WELL! WHEN IN DOUBT, DEMO-LECULARIZE!

CREEEEEENK
!
IT WORKED!
WE ONLY SLOWED HIM DOWN! MOLDROCK WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY! IF WE DON'T GET FAR ENOUGH AWAY BEFORE HE ATTACKS...
... THEN WE MUST BE READY FOR THE FINAL BATTLE!
THE BARRIER BETWEEN TWO WORLDS IS ABOUT TO BE OVERCOME ONCE MORE, BUT ONE LAST CHALLENGE AWAITS OUR HEROES AT THE END OF THIS JOURNEY, WHERE SOMEONE WILL BE UNABLE TO RETURN... WE SHALL SEE IN THE FINALE!

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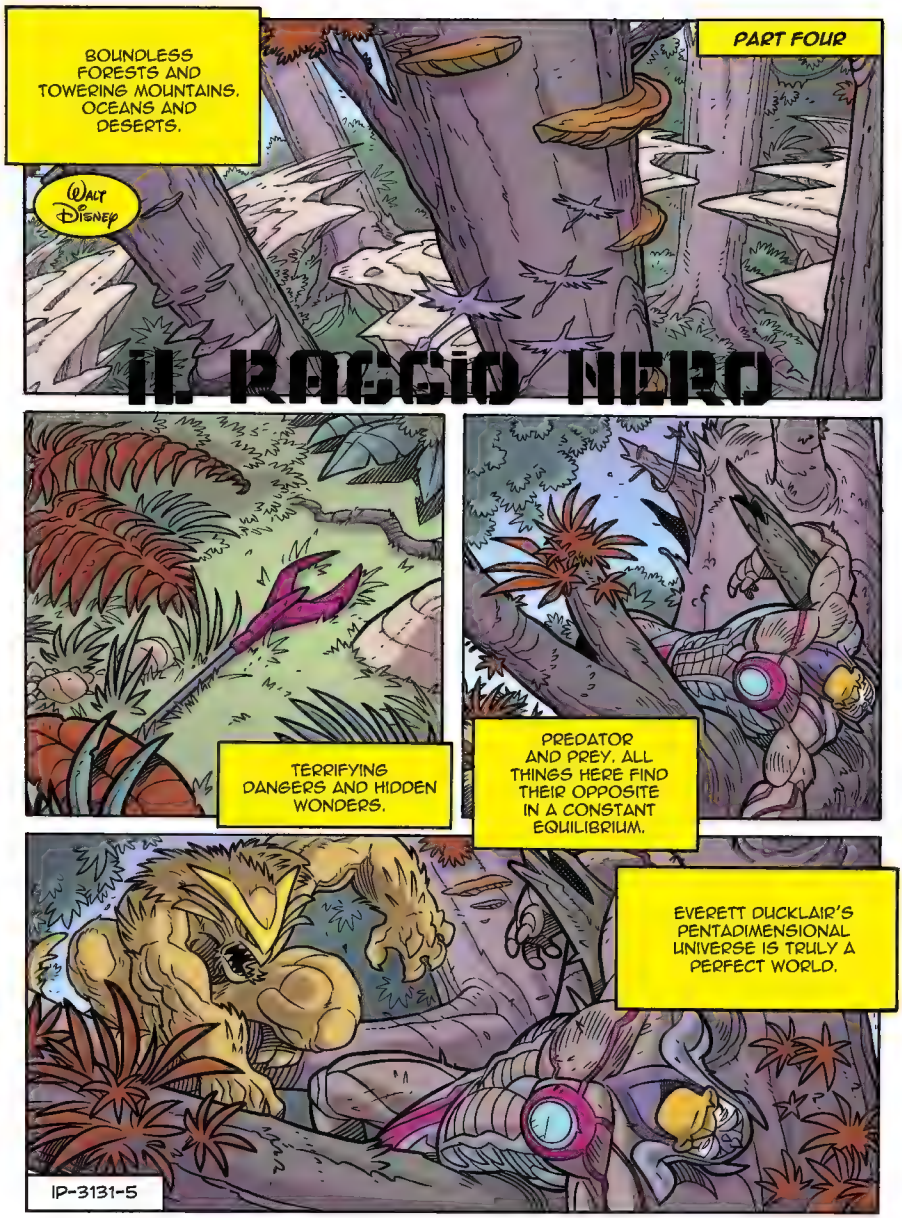
PART FOUR
BOUNDLESS FORESTS AND TOWERING MOUNTAINS, OCEANS AND DESERTS.
WALT DISNEY
IL RAGGIO NERO
TERRIFYING DANGERS AND HIDDEN WONDERS.
PREDATOR AND PREY. ALL THINGS HERE FIND THEIR OPPOSITE IN A CONSTANT EQUILIBRIUM.
EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S PENTADIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE IS TRULY A PERFECT WORLD.
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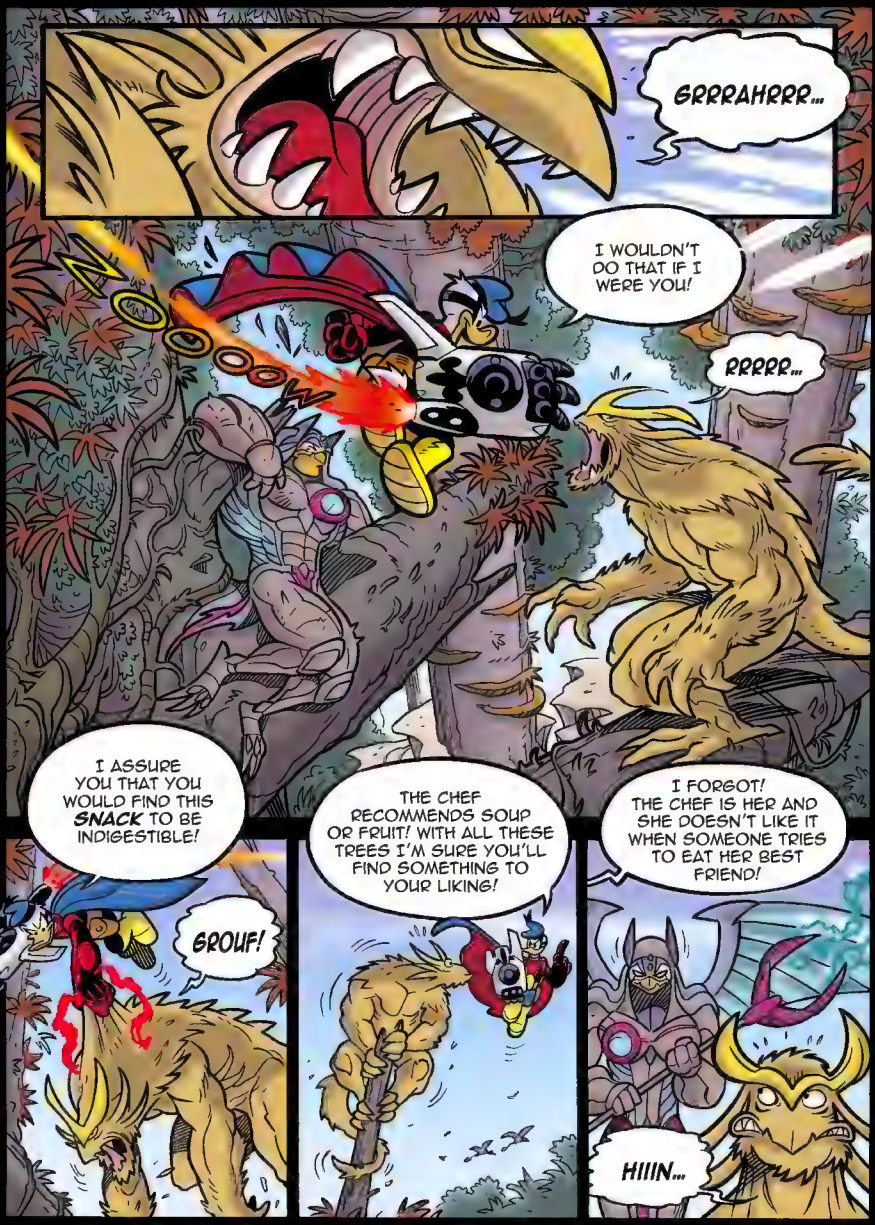
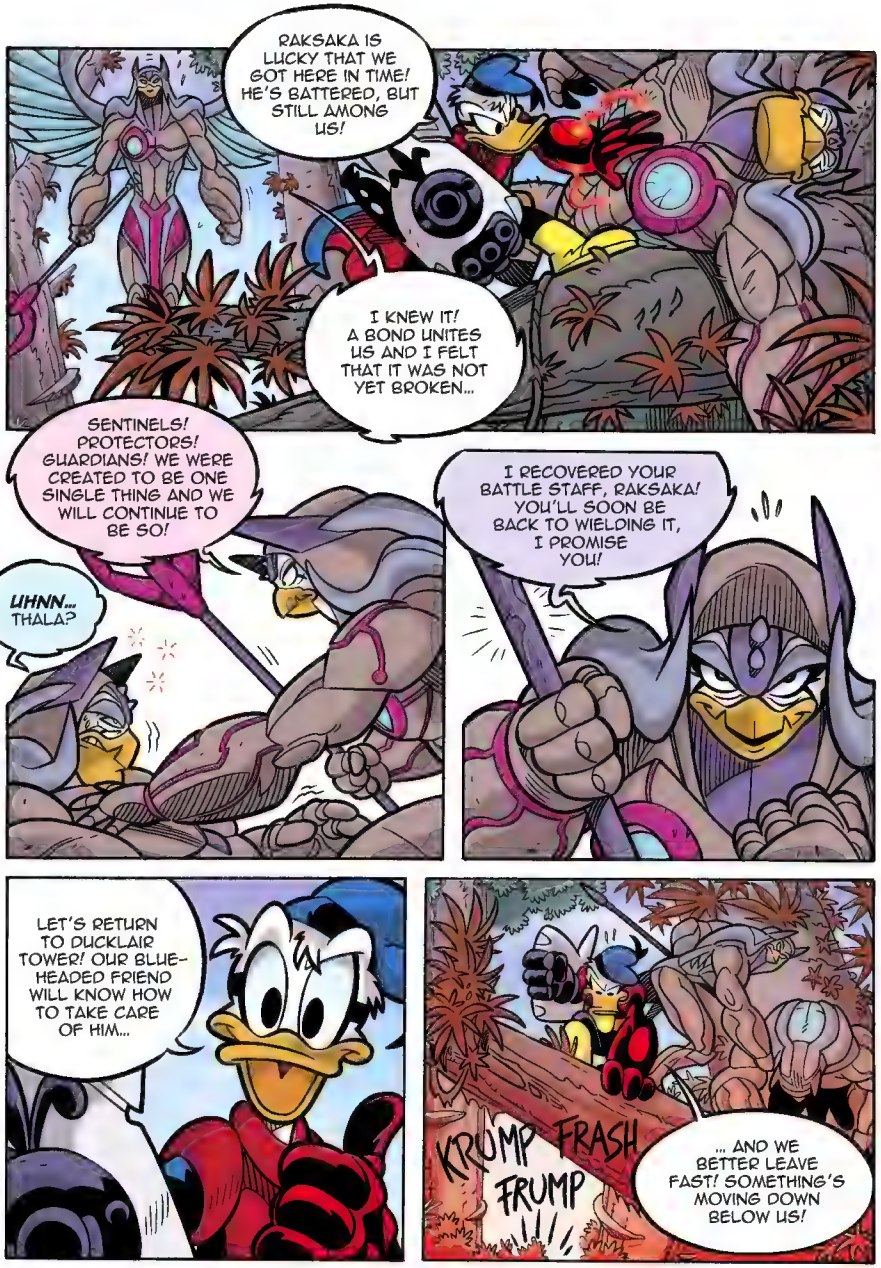
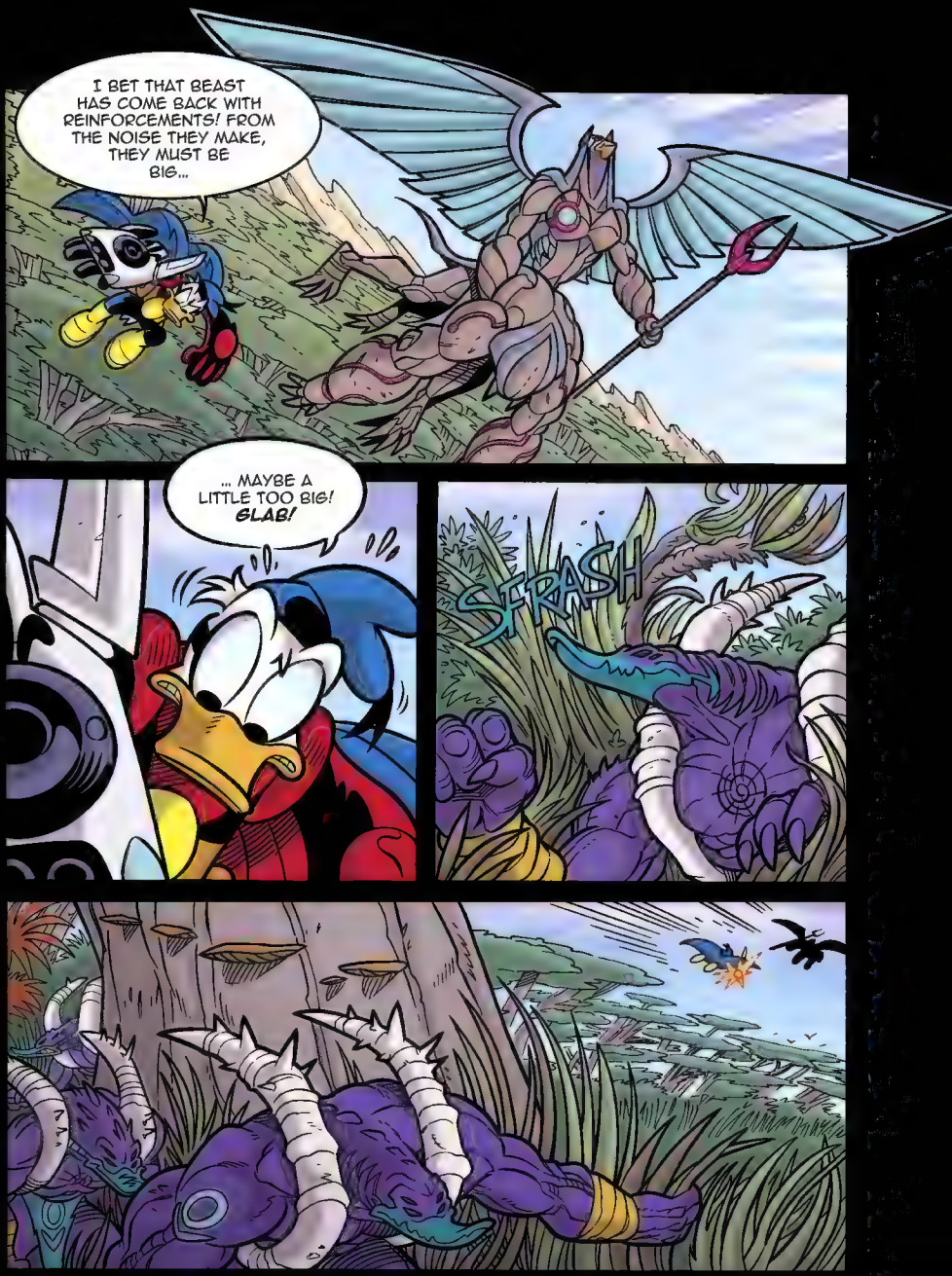
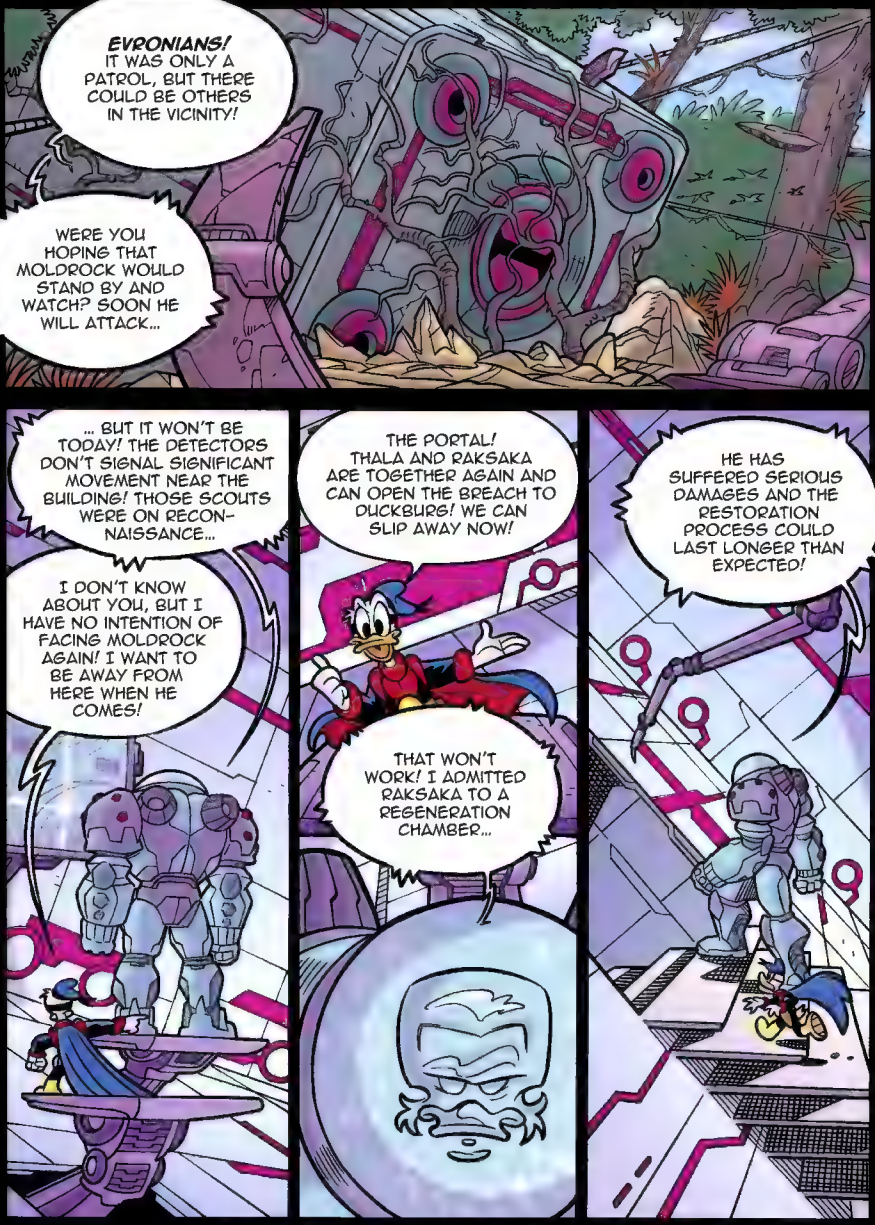
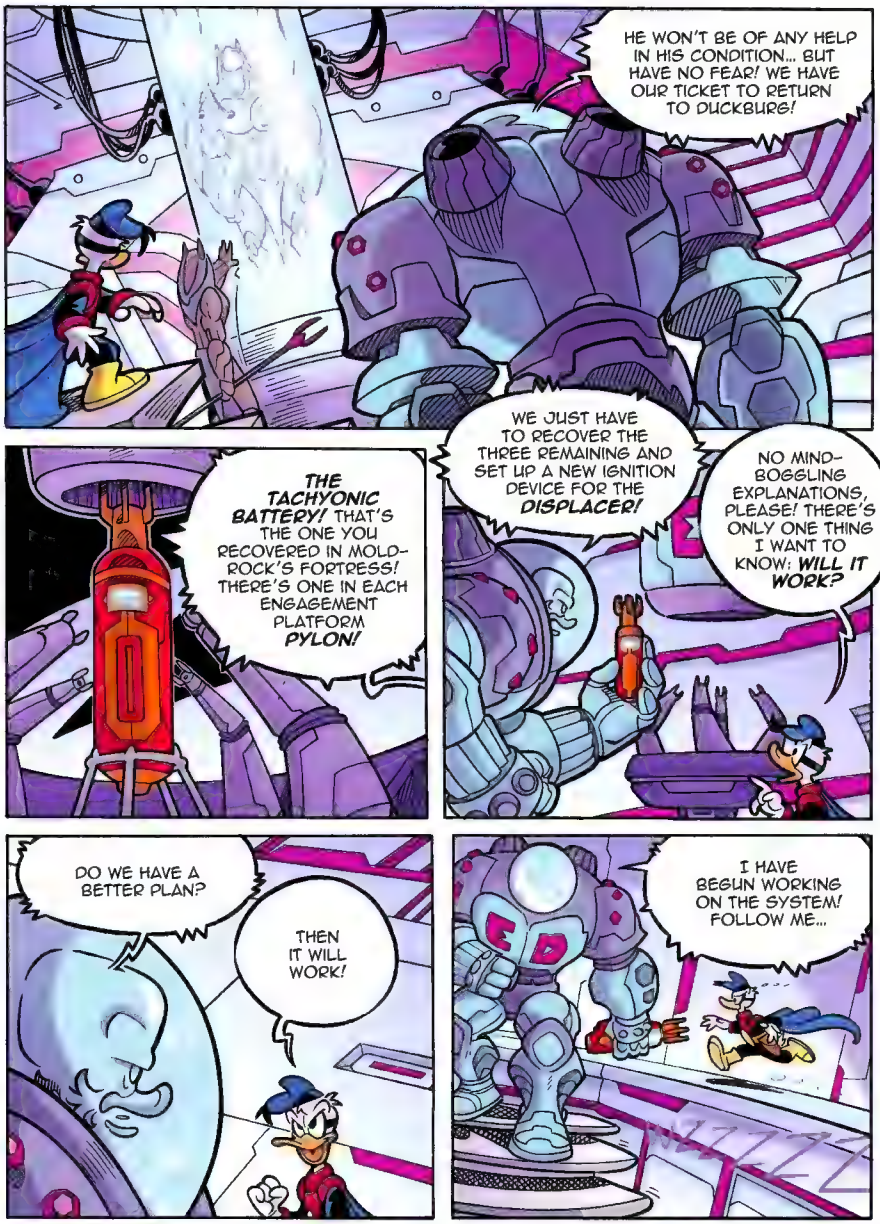
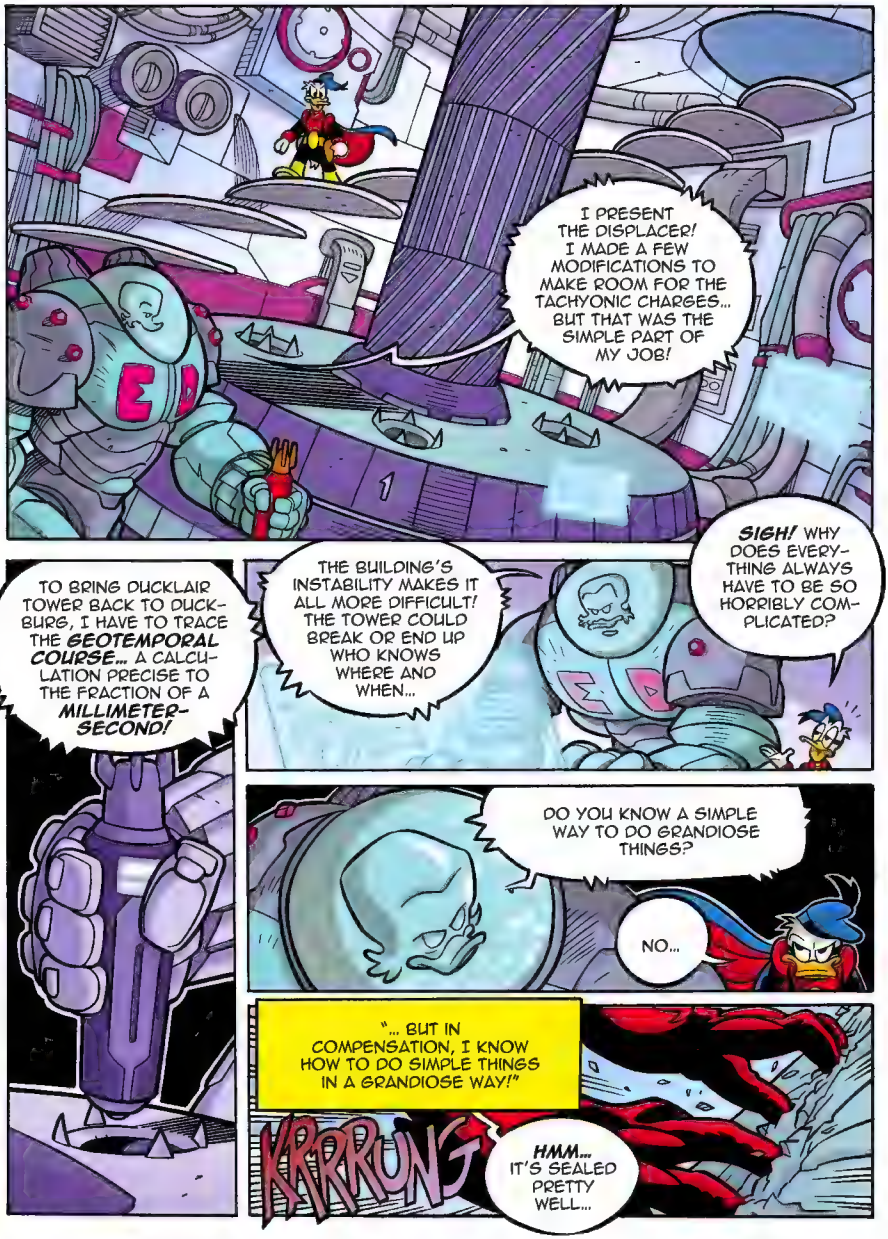

GRRRAHRRR...
I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE YOU!
RRRR...
ZOOOOW
I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WOULD FIND THIS SNACK TO BE INDIGESTIBLE!
GROUF!
THE CHEF RECOMMENDS SOUP OR FRUIT! WITH ALL THESE TREES I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING TO YOUR LIKING!
I FORGOT! THE CHEF IS HER AND SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN SOMEONE TRIES TO EAT HER BEST FRIEND!
HIIIN...

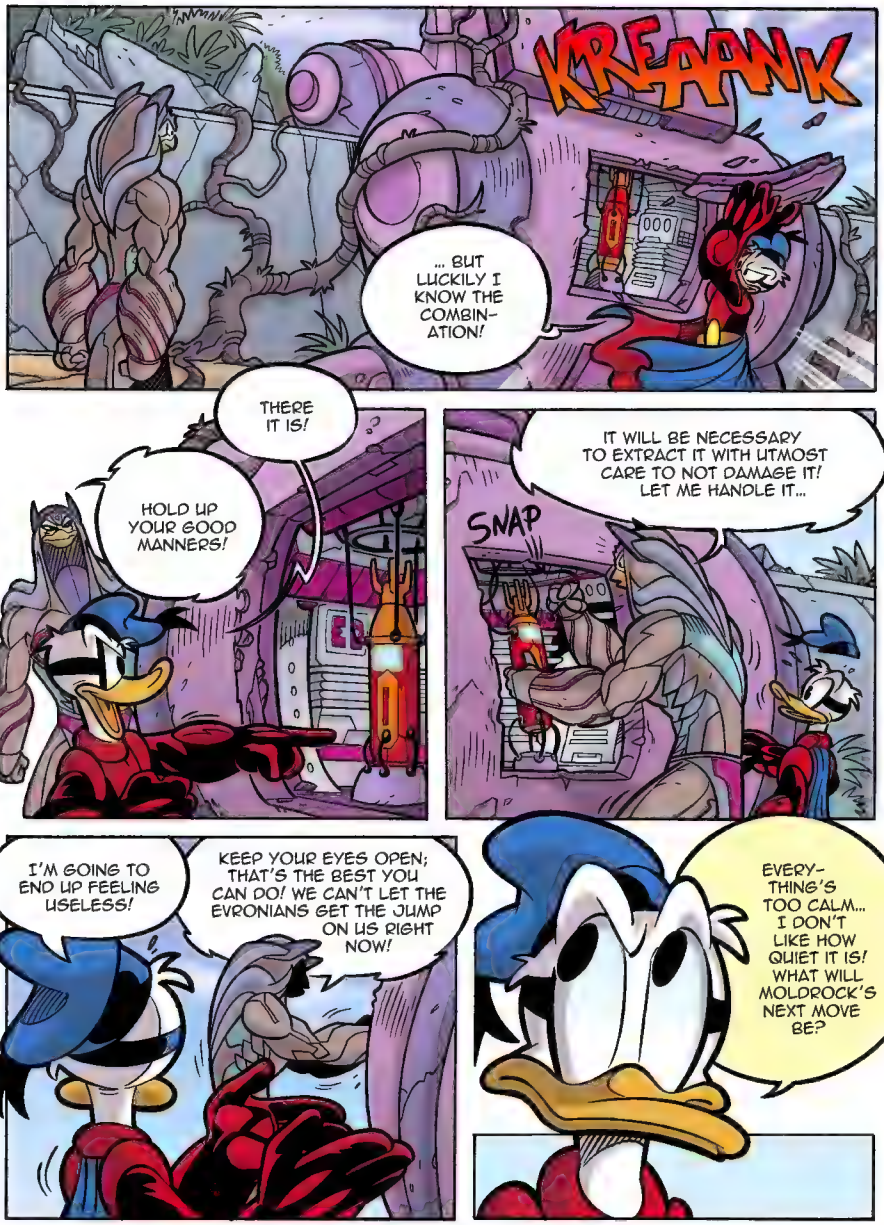

RAKSAKA IS LUCKY THAT WE GOT HERE IN TIME! HE'S BATTERED, BUT STILL AMONG US!
I KNEW IT! A BOND UNITES US AND I FELT THAT IT WAS NOT YET BROKEN...
SENTINELS! PROTECTORS! GUARDIANS! WE WERE CREATED TO BE ONE SINGLE THING AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO!
UHNN... THALA?
I RECOVERED YOUR BATTLE STAFF, RAKSAKA! YOU'LL SOON BE BACK TO WIELDING IT, I PROMISE YOU!
LET'S RETURN TO DUCKLAIR TOWER! OUR BLUE-HEADED FRIEND WILL KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIM...
KRUMP
FRASH
FRUMP
... AND WE BETTER LEAVE FAST! SOMETHING'S MOVING DOWN BELOW US!

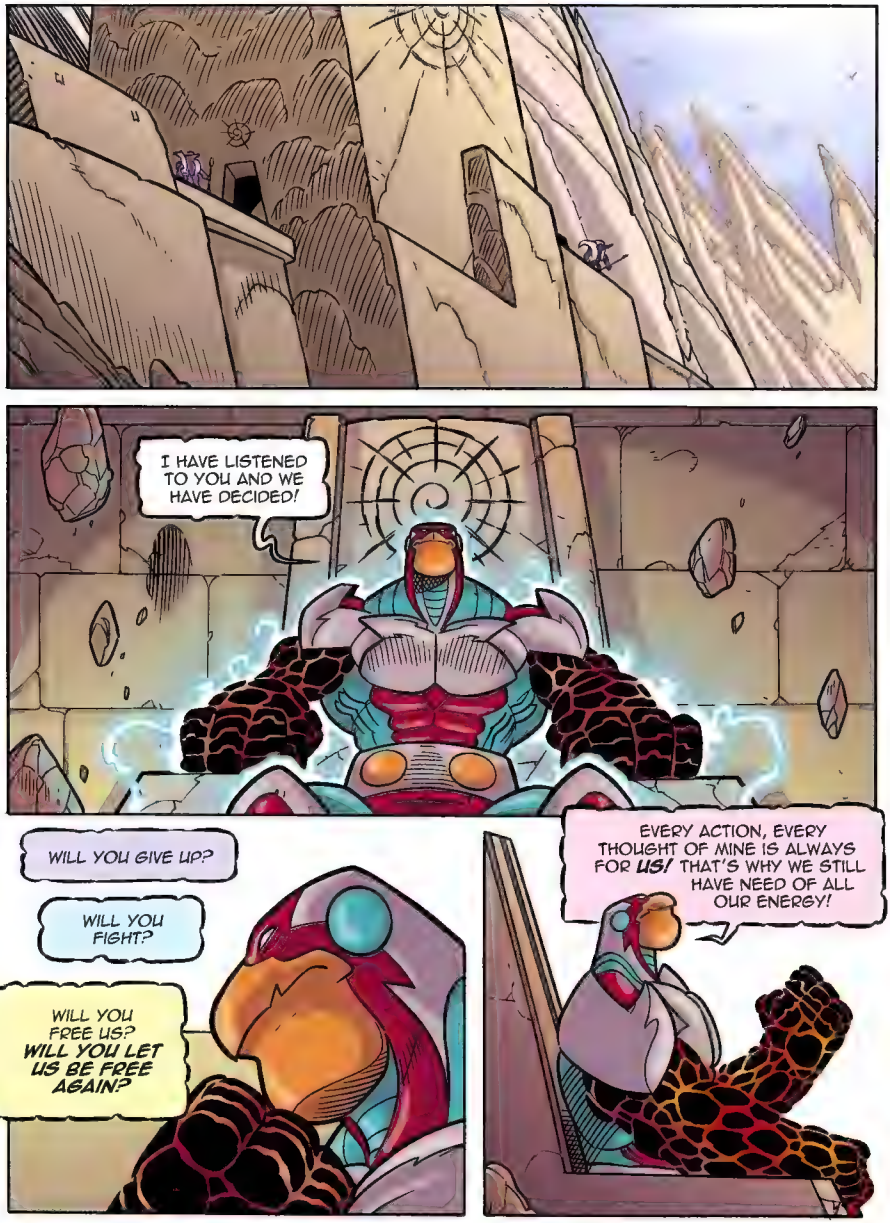

I BET THAT BEAST HAS COME BACK WITH REINFORCEMENTS! FROM THE NOISE THEY MAKE, THEY MUST BE BIG...
... MAYBE A LITTLE TOO BIG! GLAB!
SFRASH

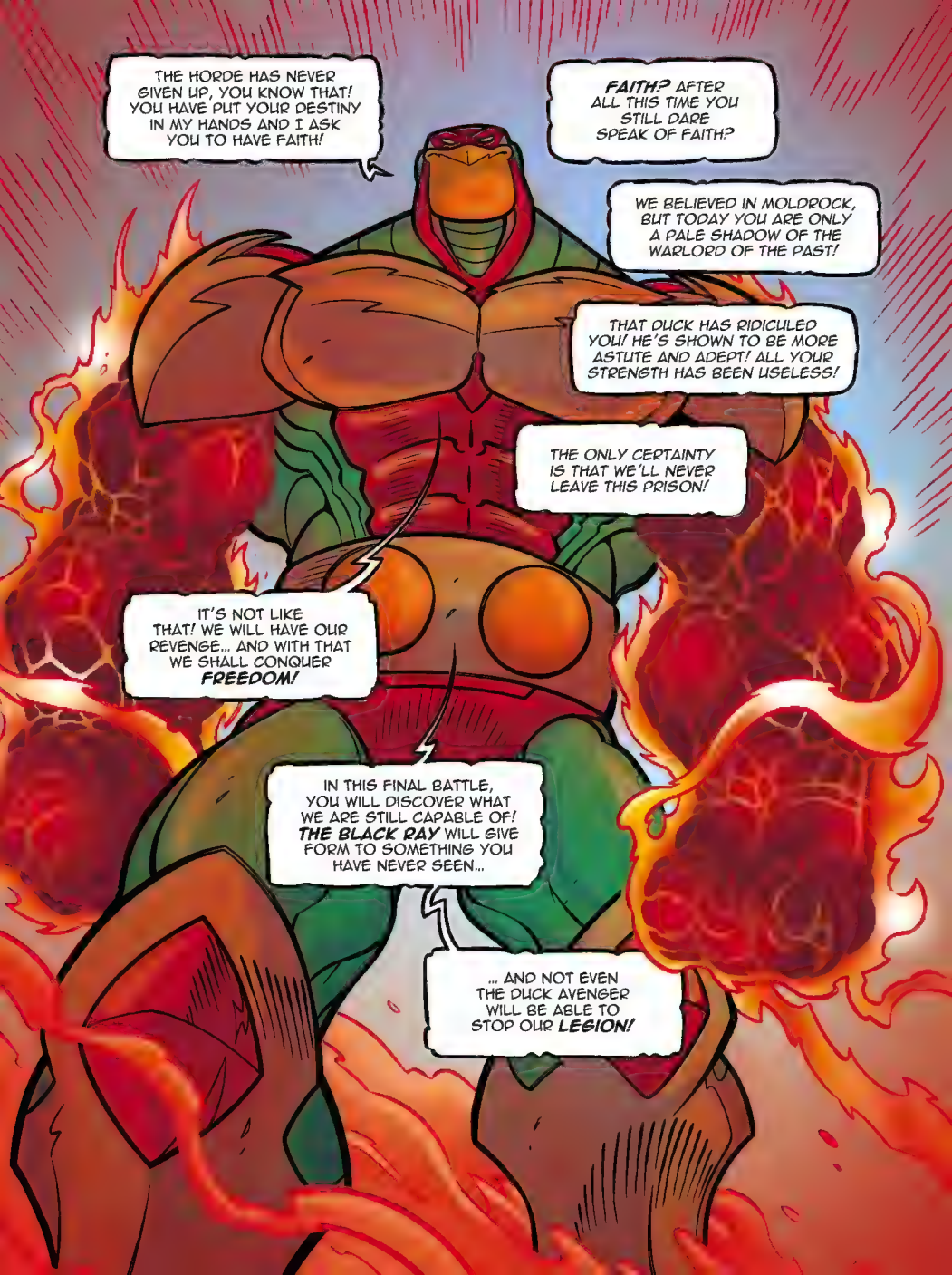

EVRONIANS! IT WAS ONLY A PATROL, BUT THERE COULD BE OTHERS IN THE VICINITY!
WERE YOU HOPING THAT MOLDROCK WOULD STAND BY AND WATCH? SOON HE WILL ATTACK...
... BUT IT WON'T BE TODAY! THE DETECTORS DON'T SIGNAL SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT NEAR THE BUILDING! THOSE SCOUTS WERE ON RECON-NAISSANCE...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FACING MOLDROCK AGAIN! I WANT TO BE AWAY FROM HERE WHEN HE COMES!
THE PORTAL! THALA AND RAKSAKA ARE TOGETHER AGAIN AND CAN OPEN THE BREACH TO DUCKBURG! WE CAN SLIP AWAY NOW!
THAT WON'T WORK! I ADMITTED RAKSAKA TO A REGENERATION CHAMBER...
HE HAS SUFFERED SERIOUS DAMAGES AND THE RESTORATION PROCESS COULD LAST LONGER THAN EXPECTED!

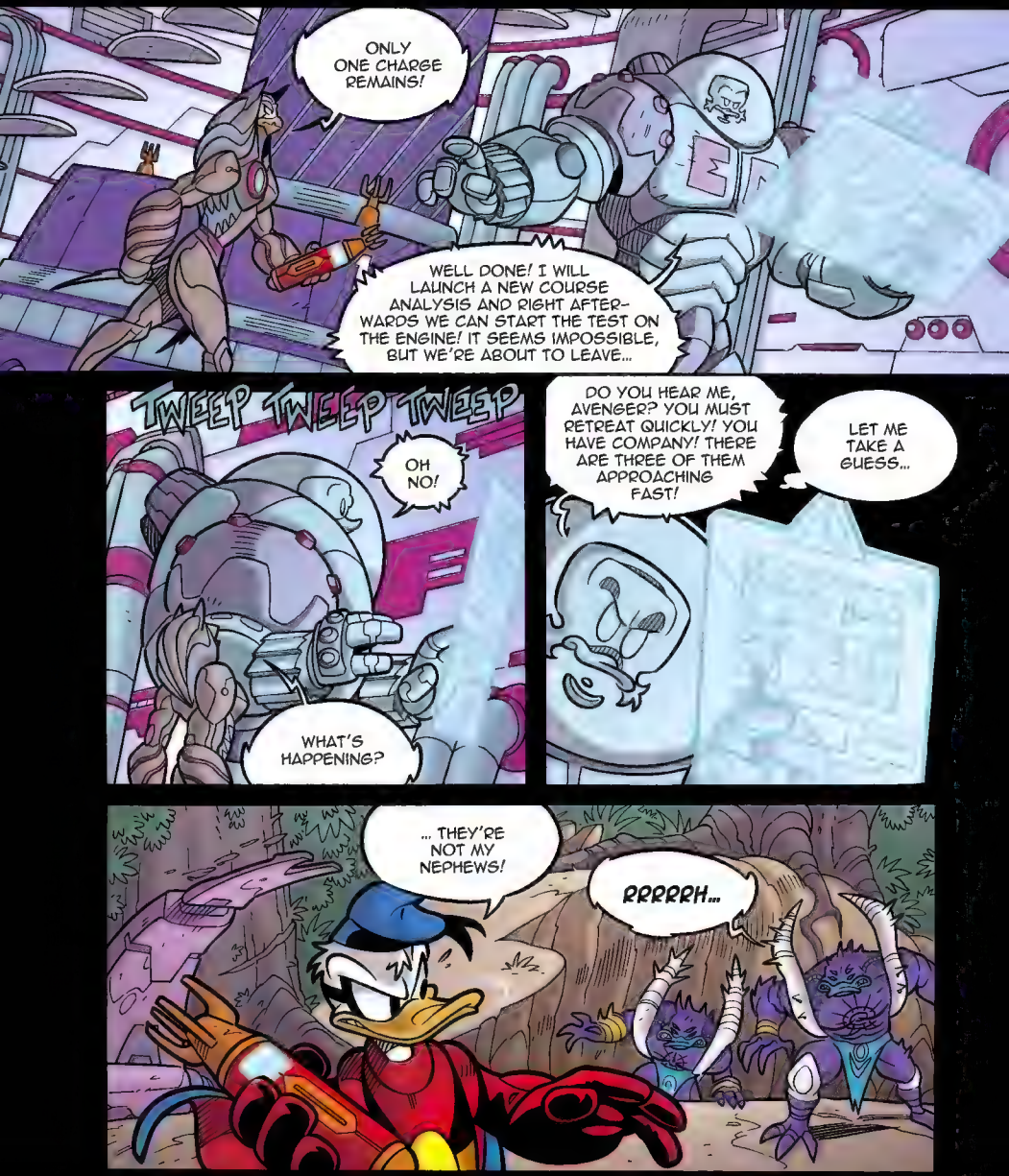

HE WON'T BE OF ANY HELP IN HIS CONDITION... BUT HAVE NO FEAR! WE HAVE OUR TICKET TO RETURN TO DUCKBURG!
THE TACHYONIC BATTERY! THAT'S THE ONE YOU RECOVERED IN MOLD-ROCK'S FORTRESS! THERE'S ONE IN EACH ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM PYLON!
WE JUST HAVE TO RECOVER THE THREE REMAINING AND SET UP A NEW IGNITION DEVICE FOR THE DISPLACER!
NO MIND-BOGGLING EXPLANATIONS, PLEASE! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW: WILL IT WORK?
DO WE HAVE A BETTER PLAN?
THEN IT WILL WORK!
I HAVE BEGUN WORKING ON THE SYSTEM! FOLLOW ME...


I PRESENT THE DISPLACER! I MADE A FEW MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE TACHYONIC CHARGES... BUT THAT WAS THE SIMPLE PART OF MY JOB!
SIGH! WHY DOES EVERYTHING ALWAYS HAVE TO BE SO HORRIBLY COMPLICATED?
THE BUILDING'S INSTABILITY MAKES IT ALL MORE DIFFICULT! THE TOWER COULD BREAK OR END UP WHO KNOWS WHERE AND WHEN...
TO BRING DUCKLAIR TOWER BACK TO DUCKBURG, I HAVE TO TRACE THE GEOTEMPORAL COURSE... A CALCULATION PRECISE TO THE FRACTION OF A MILLIMETER-SECOND!
DO YOU KNOW A SIMPLE WAY TO DO GRANDIOSE THINGS?
NO...
"... BUT IN COMPENSATION, I KNOW HOW TO DO SIMPLE THINGS IN A GRANDIOSE WAY!"
KRRRUNG
HMM... IT'S SEALED PRETTY WELL...

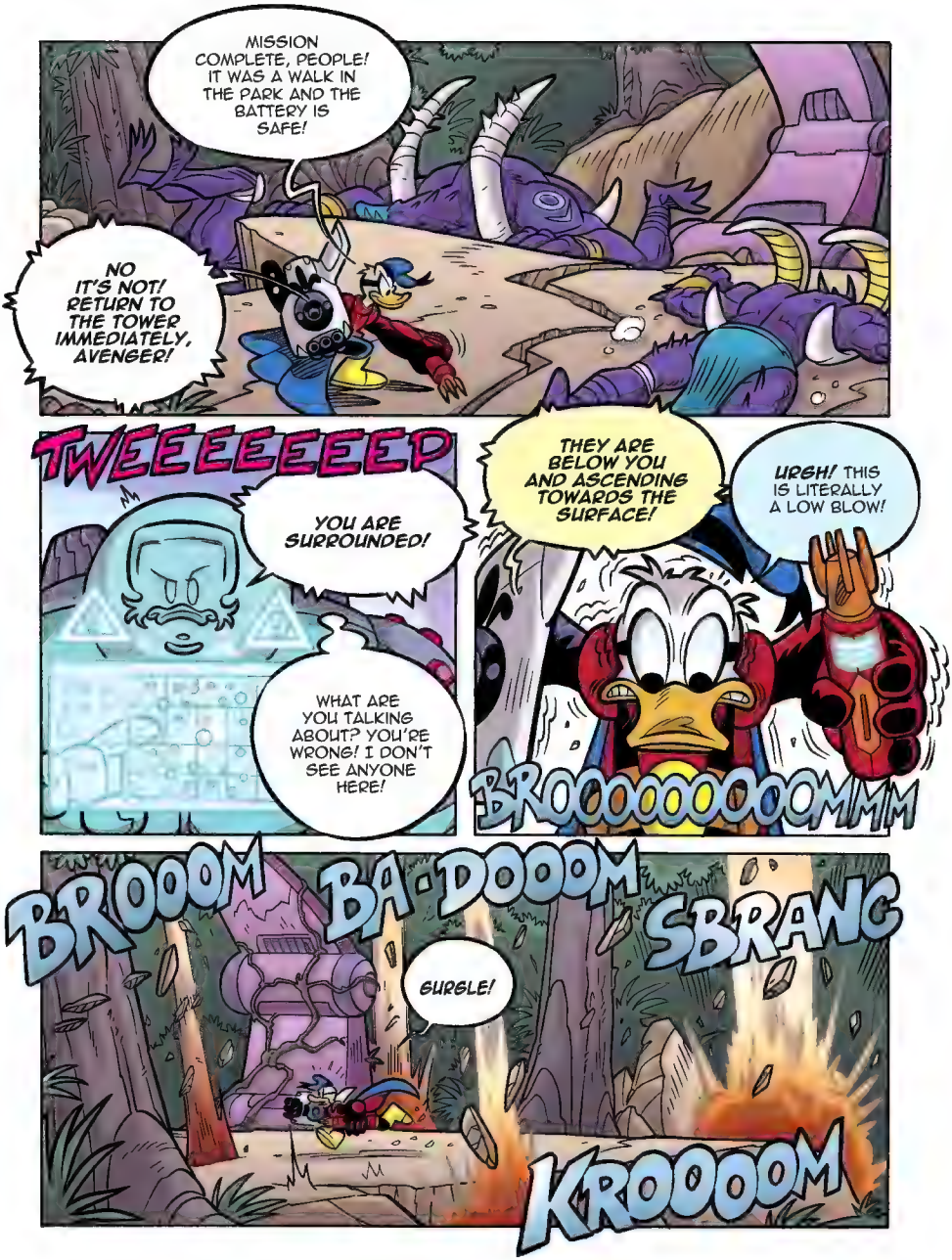

KREAAWK
... BUT LUCKILY I KNOW THE COMBIN-ATION!
THERE IT IS!
HOLD UP YOUR GOOD MANNERS!
IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXTRACT IT WITH UTMOST CARE TO NOT DAMAGE IT! LET ME HANDLE IT...
SNAP
I'M GOING TO END UP FEELING USELESS!
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN; THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO! WE CAN'T LET THE EVRONIANS GET THE JUMP ON US RIGHT NOW!
EVERY-THING'S TOO CALM... I DON'T LIKE HOW QUIET IT IS! WHAT WILL MOLDROCK'S NEXT MOVE BE?


I HAVE LISTENED TO YOU AND WE HAVE DECIDED!
WILL YOU GIVE UP?
WILL YOU FIGHT?
WILL YOU FREE US? WILL YOU LET US BE FREE AGAIN?
EVERY ACTION, EVERY THOUGHT OF MINE IS ALWAYS FOR US! THAT'S WHY WE STILL HAVE NEED OF ALL OUR ENERGY!


THE HORDE HAS NEVER GIVEN UP, YOU KNOW THAT! YOU HAVE PUT YOUR DESTINY IN MY HANDS AND I ASK YOU TO HAVE FAITH!
FAITH? AFTER ALL THIS TIME YOU STILL DARE SPEAK OF FAITH?
WE BELIEVED IN MOLDROCK, BUT TODAY YOU ARE ONLY A PALE SHADOW OF THE WARLORD OF THE PAST!
THAT DUCK HAS RIDICULED YOU! HE'S SHOWN TO BE MORE ASTUTE AND ADEPT! ALL YOUR STRENGTH HAS BEEN USELESS!
THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT WE'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS PRISON!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! WE WILL HAVE OUR REVENGE... AND WITH THAT WE SHALL CONQUER FREEDOM!
IN THIS FINAL BATTLE, YOU WILL DISCOVER WHAT WE ARE STILL CAPABLE OF! THE BLACK RAY WILL GIVE FORM TO SOMETHING YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN...
... AND NOT EVEN THE DUCK AVENGER WILL BE ABLE TO STOP OUR LEGION!


ONLY ONE CHARGE REMAINS!
WELL DONE! I WILL LAUNCH A NEW COURSE ANALYSIS AND RIGHT AFTERWARDS WE CAN START THE TEST ON THE ENGINE! IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE...
TWEEP TWEEP TWEEP
OH NO!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DO YOU HEAR ME, AVENGER? YOU MUST RETREAT QUICKLY! YOU HAVE COMPANY! THERE ARE THREE OF THEM APPROACHING FAST!
LET ME TAKE A GUESS...
... THEY'RE NOT MY NEPHEWS!
RRRRRH...

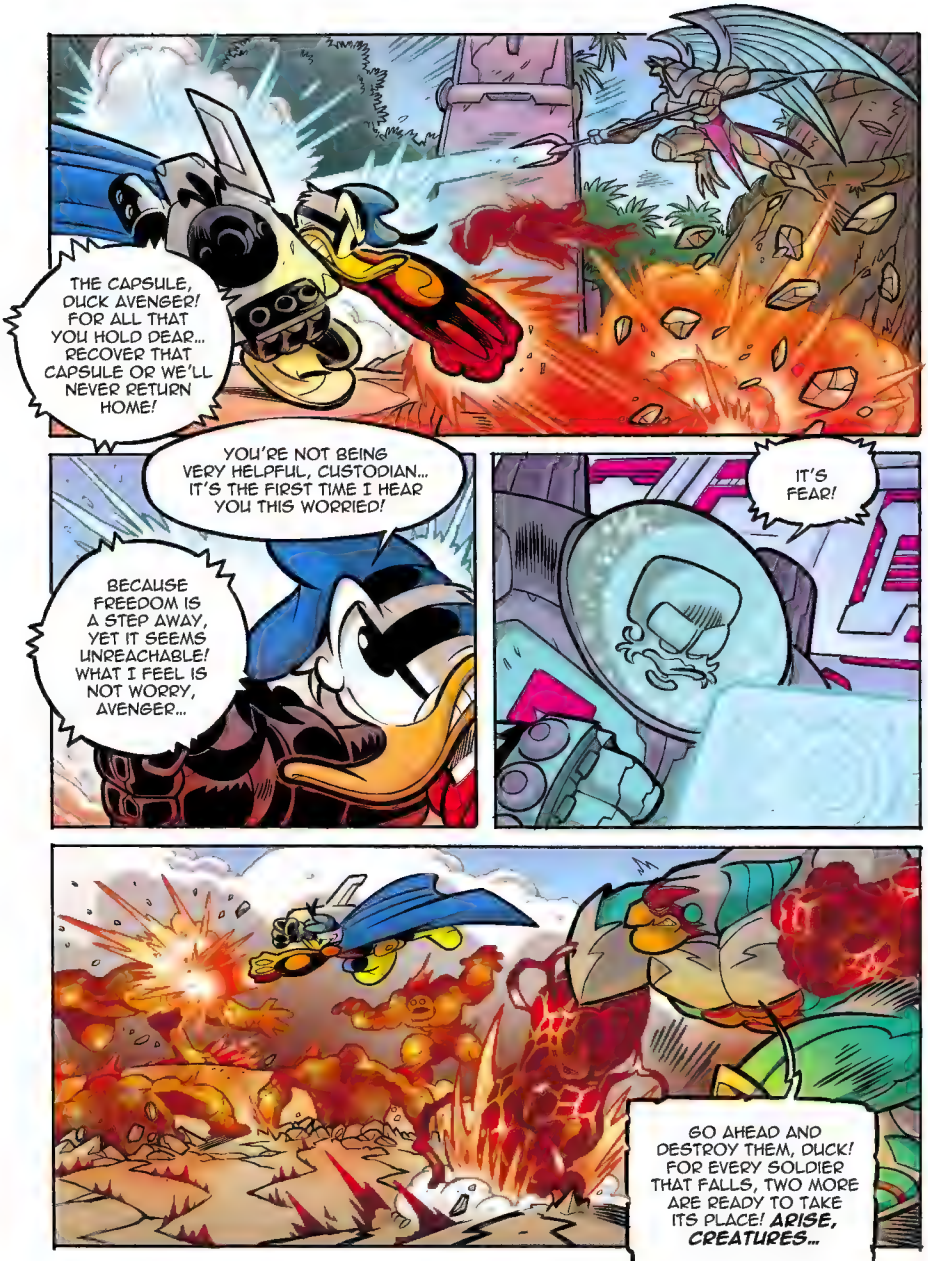
BLZZAPP
ARRRH!
FOR THE GLORY OF EVRON!
FOR MOLD-ROCK!
HUH? WHAT DO I RESPOND TO THAT?
HIP HIP HURRAY!
SMASH
NO ONE'S SHOUTED "MIGHT AND POWER"! IT MAY BE SENTIMENTAL, BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS I'M FOND OF! EVRONIANS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE...
SHOOOOM
GAAAAAK!

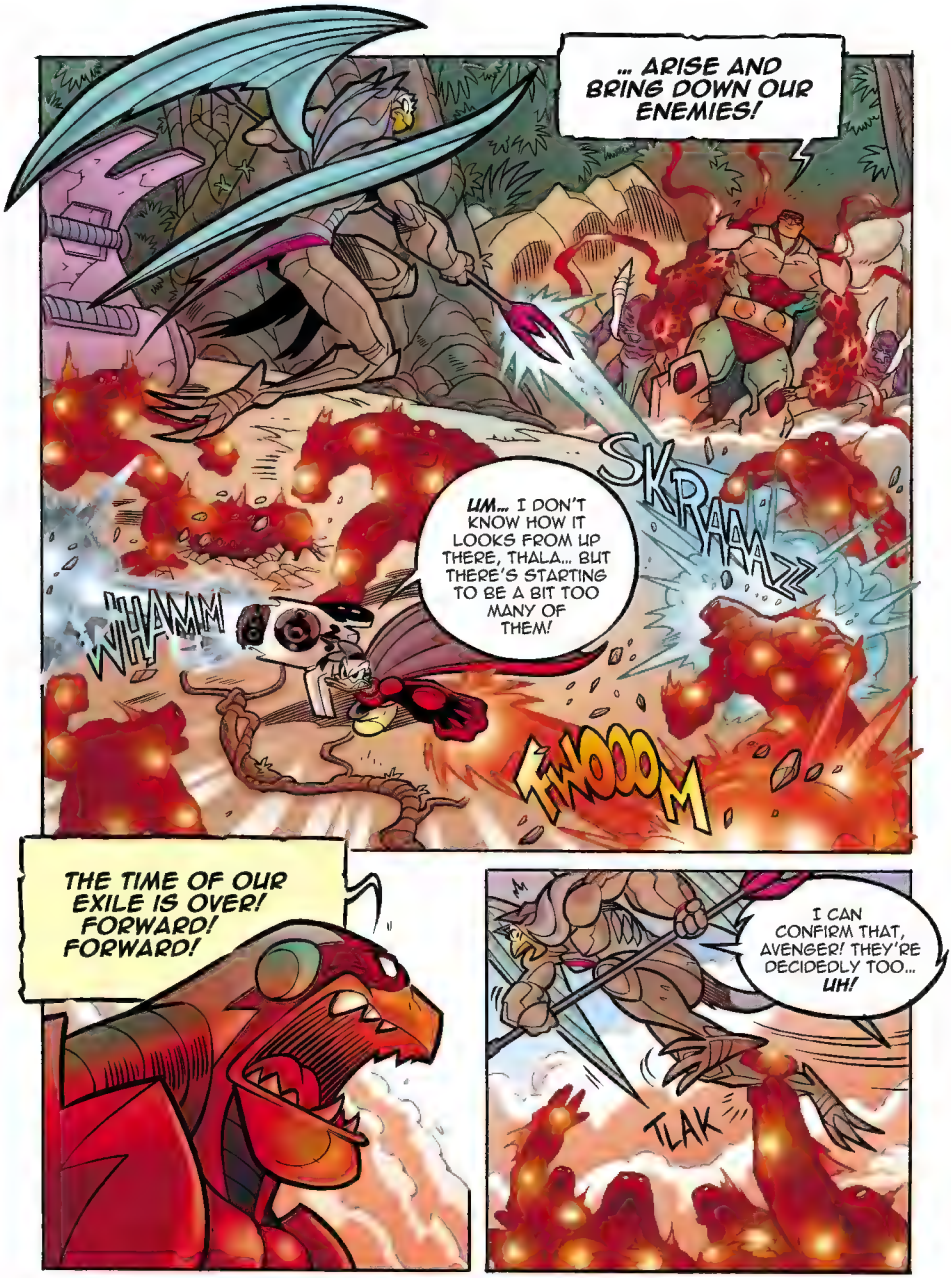

MISSION COMPLETE, PEOPLE! IT WAS A WALK IN THE PARK AND THE BATTERY IS SAFE!
NO IT'S NOT! RETURN TO THE TOWER IMMEDIATELY, AVENGER!
TWEEEEEEEEP
YOU ARE SURROUNDED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE WRONG! I DON'T SEE ANYONE HERE!
THEY ARE BELOW YOU AND ASCENDING TOWARDS THE SURFACE!
URGH! THIS IS LITERALLY A LOW BLOW!
BROOOOOOOOOOMMM
BROOOOM
BA-DOOOOM
SBRANG
GURGLE!
KROOOOOM

DUCK AVENGER!
WERE YOU HOPING TO LEAVE WITHOUT US, LITTLE DUCK? WE ARE DISAPPOINTED! WE ARE OFFENDED... AND NOW WE ARE FURIOUS!
SKRAAAAM
OUFF!

YOU KNOW THE WAY FOR LEAVING THIS PRISON...
... AND APPARENTLY IT'S A PATH THAT PASSES THROUGH HERE! ARE YOU READY TO CONFRONT MY NEW WARRIORS?
WE CREATED THEM FOR YOU... TIRELESS FIGHTERS OF STONE AND FIRE!
SORRY, MOLDROCK! YOU WANT TO BE CHAUFFEURED TO EARTH, BUT I'VE BEEN TAUGHT TO NOT GIVE RIDES TO STRANGERS!
THE TIME FOR WORDS IS OVER, DUCK AVENGER...
ATTACK!

BZZZAP
WHAMM
WELL, YOU GUYS ARE SHORT ON WORDS! I THINK YOU AND I WILL GET ALONG!
FWOOOM
URGH!
THALA!
RELAX, AVENGER! THEY'RE NOT LIVING BEINGS, ONLY ROCKS ANIMATED BY MOLDROCK'S POWER...
FWOOOM
FWOOOM
... SO GO ALL OUT ON THEM WITHOUT HOLDING BACK!
BZZZAP
YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT!

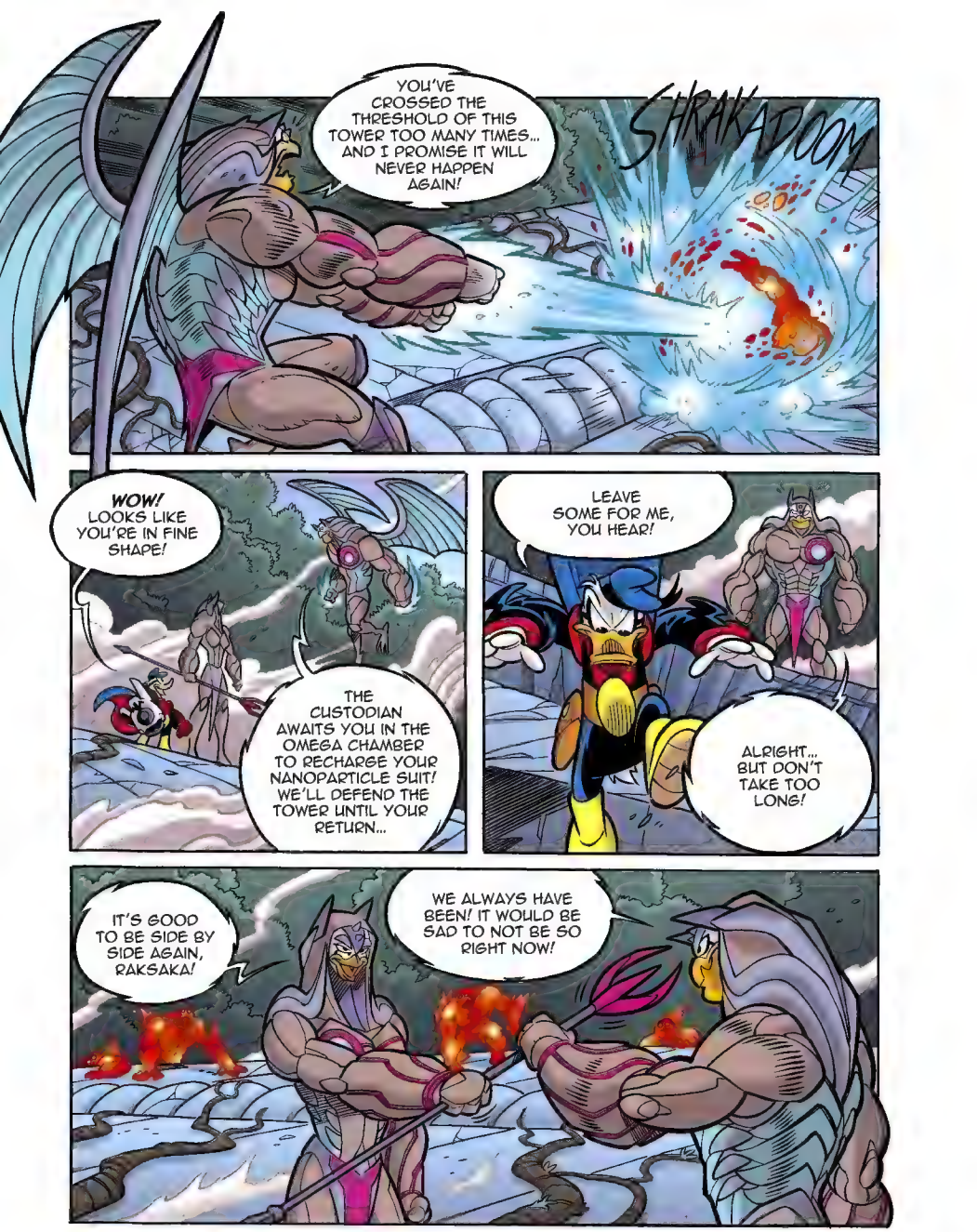

THE CAPSULE, DUCK AVENGER! FOR ALL THAT YOU HOLD DEAR... RECOVER THAT CAPSULE OR WE'LL NEVER RETURN HOME!
YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY HELPFUL, CUSTODIAN... IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HEAR YOU THIS WORRIED!
BECAUSE FREEDOM IS A STEP AWAY, YET IT SEEMS UNREACHABLE! WHAT I FEEL IS NOT WORRY, AVENGER...
IT'S FEAR!
GO AHEAD AND DESTROY THEM, DUCK! FOR EVERY SOLDIER THAT FALLS, TWO MORE ARE READY TO TAKE ITS PLACE! ARISE, CREATURES...

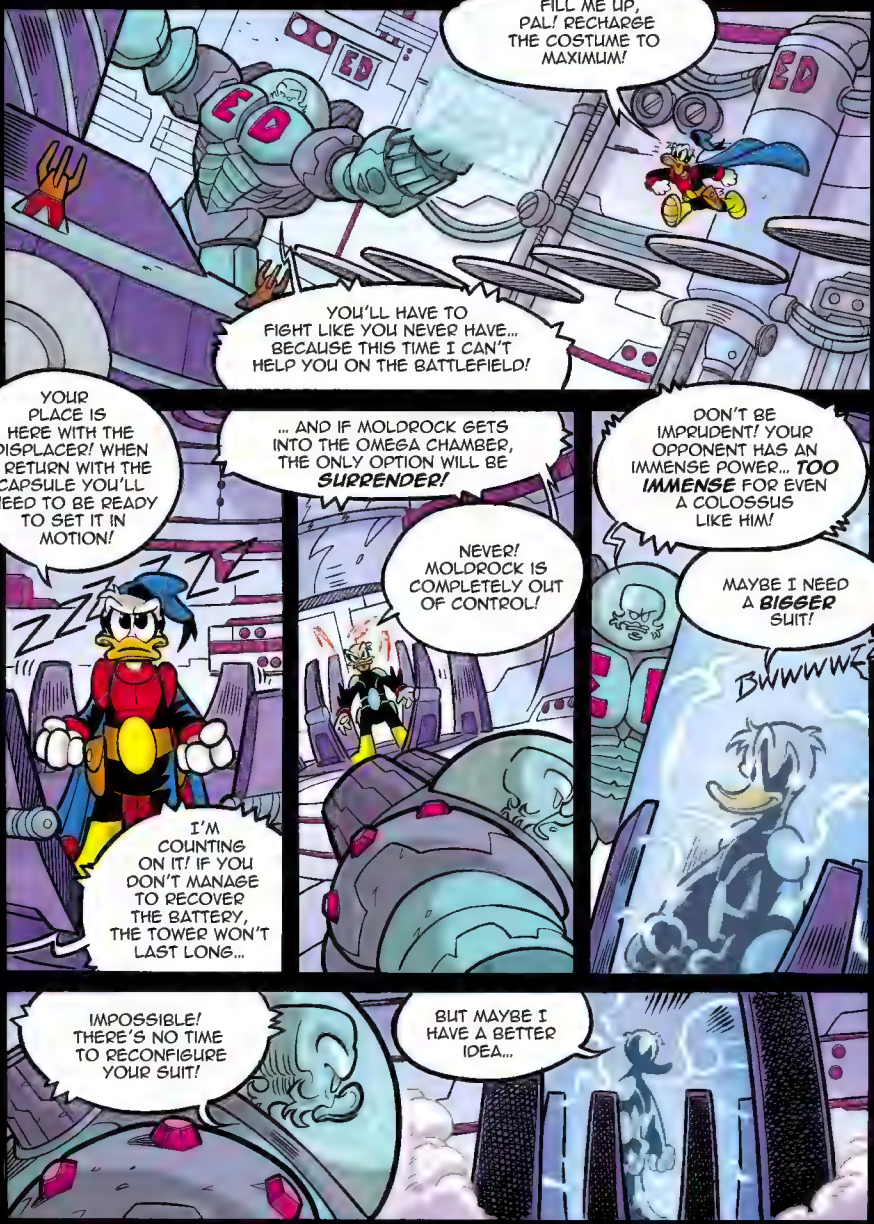

... ARISE AND BRING DOWN OUR ENEMIES!
UM... I DON'T KNOW HOW IT LOOKS FROM UP THERE, THALA... BUT THERE'S STARTING TO BE A BIT TOO MANY OF THEM!
SKRAAAZZ
WHAAAM
FWOOOM
THE TIME OF OUR EXILE IS OVER! FORWARD! FORWARD!
I CAN CONFIRM THAT, AVENGER! THEY'RE DECIDEDLY TOO... UH!
TLAK

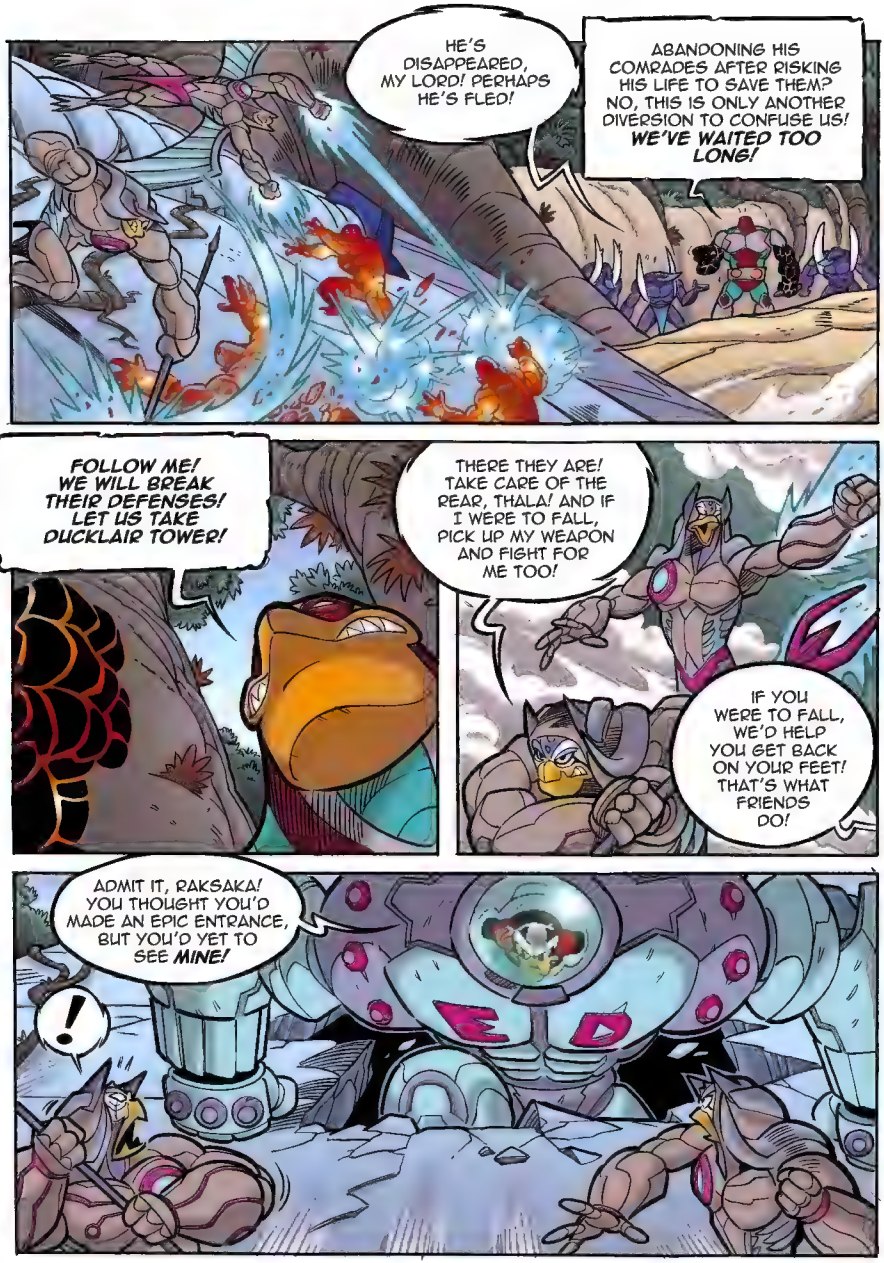
THALA!
HMPF!
KRUMP
ZZZAX
ARE YOU OKAY?
YES, BUT I FEAR WE MUST RETREAT TO THE TOWER! MOLD-ROCK'S SOLDIERS KEEP INCREASING IN NUMBERS!
BZZZAP
THALA'S RIGHT! GET BACK INSIDE! YOUR SUIT NEEDS TO BE REGENERATED!
OH NO! JUST WHEN WE WERE WINNING!
THEY'RE RETREATING INTO THE TOWER, MY LORD!
NO! I WON'T ALLOW THEM TO ESCAPE AGAIN! PRESS ONWARD! DESTROY THAT TOWER!

WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER ENTRANCE! WE WON'T GET THROUGH HERE!
SZZWAK
BZZAP
IF WE DON'T COME UP WITH SOMETHING FAST, THEY'LL TEAR APART DUCKLAIR TOWER!
THOOM
THOOM
THOOOM
BOOOM BOOOM
BOOM
MOLDROCK'S SOLDIERS ARE COMING IN! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
DAMMIT...
BOOOM BOOOM
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
YOU HAVE TO REACH THE OMEGA CHAMBER!
THEY'RE COMING FROM EVERY DIRECTION! IF WE RETREAT THEY'LL RUN RAMPANT IN THE TOWER! DO WE HIDE OR FIGHT?
WE FIGHT!
BOOM BOOM
BOOOM
!

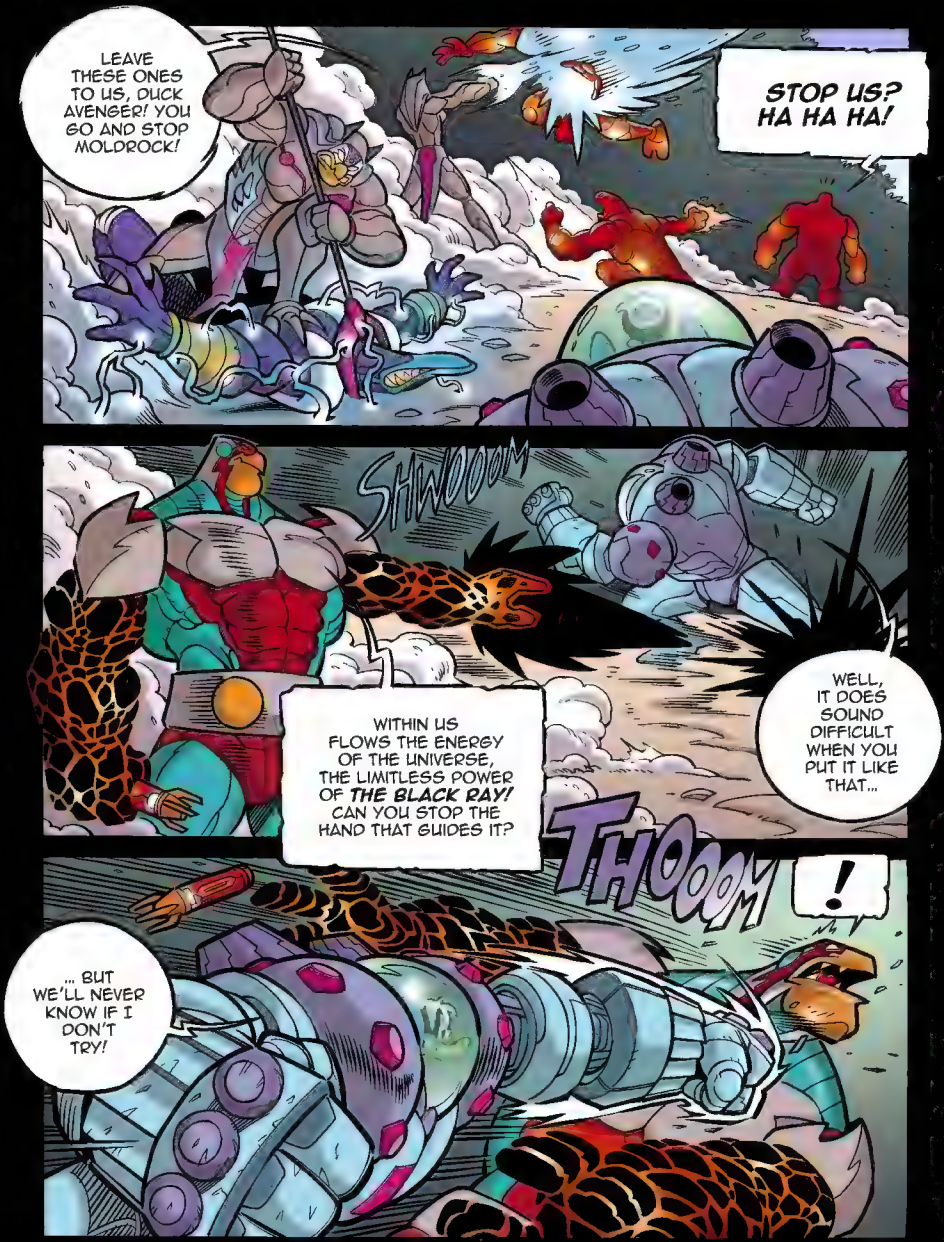
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? THE RESTORATION PROCESS IS NOT YET COMPLETE!
I WON'T LEAVE THALA ALONE AT THIS MOMENT! EVERETT DUCKLAIR CREATED US TO STOP MOLDROCK...
... AND THAT IS WHAT WE WILL DO!
THINGS ARE GETTING BAD... BUT AS SOON AS I'VE EXHAUSTED THE SUIT'S ENERGY, THEY WILL GET WORSE!
FZZZAAP
ZWAXX
KROOOM
NO! IT'S NOT OVER YET!
RAKSAKA!

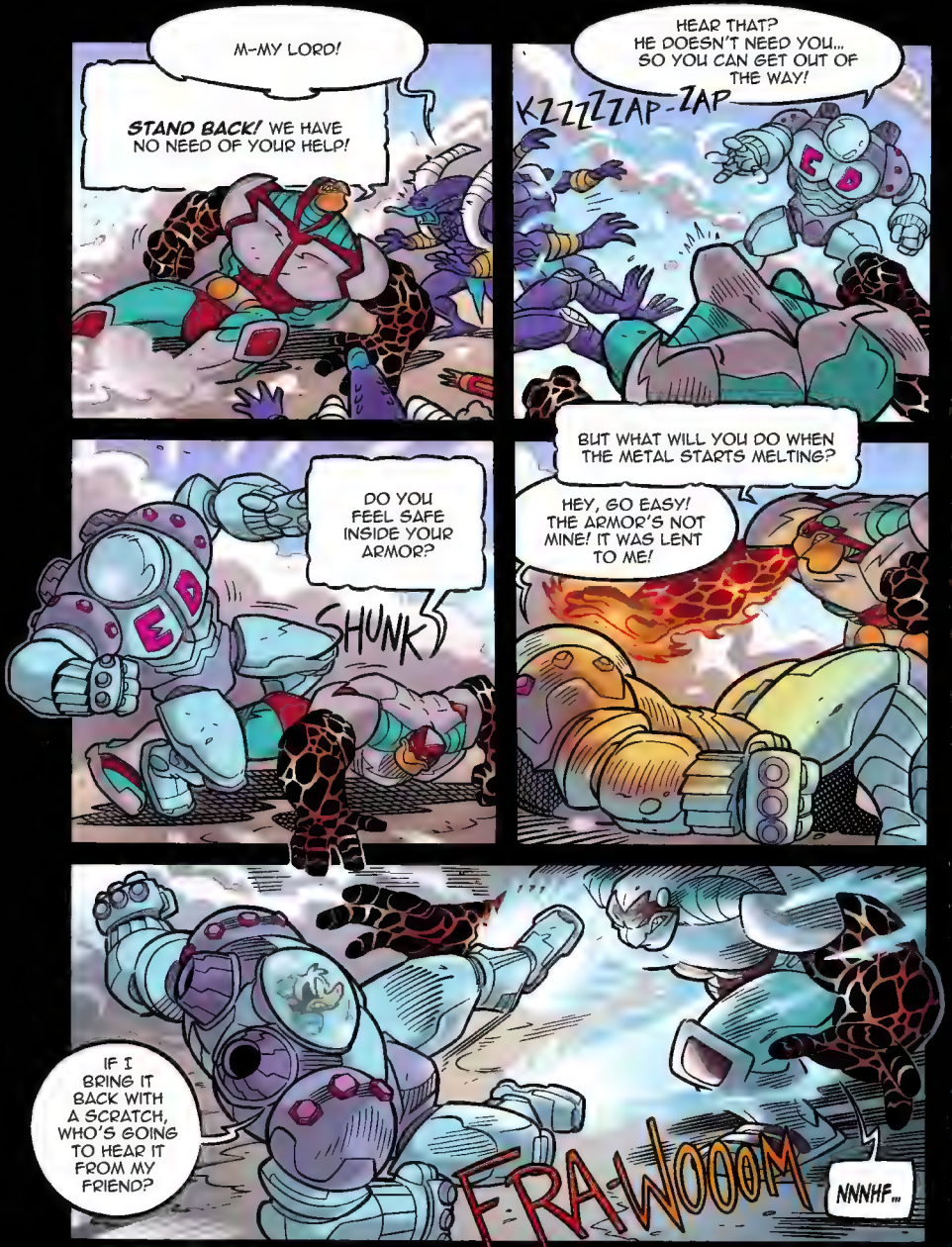

YOU'VE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD OF THIS TOWER TOO MANY TIMES... AND I PROMISE IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!
SHRAKADOOM
WOW! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE IN FINE SHAPE!
THE CUSTODIAN AWAITS YOU IN THE OMEGA CHAMBER TO RECHARGE YOUR NANOPARTICLE SUIT! WE'LL DEFEND THE TOWER UNTIL YOUR RETURN...
LEAVE SOME FOR ME, YOU HEAR!
ALRIGHT... BUT DON'T TAKE TOO LONG!
IT'S GOOD TO BE SIDE BY SIDE AGAIN, RAKSAKA!
WE ALWAYS HAVE BEEN! IT WOULD BE SAD TO NOT BE SO RIGHT NOW!

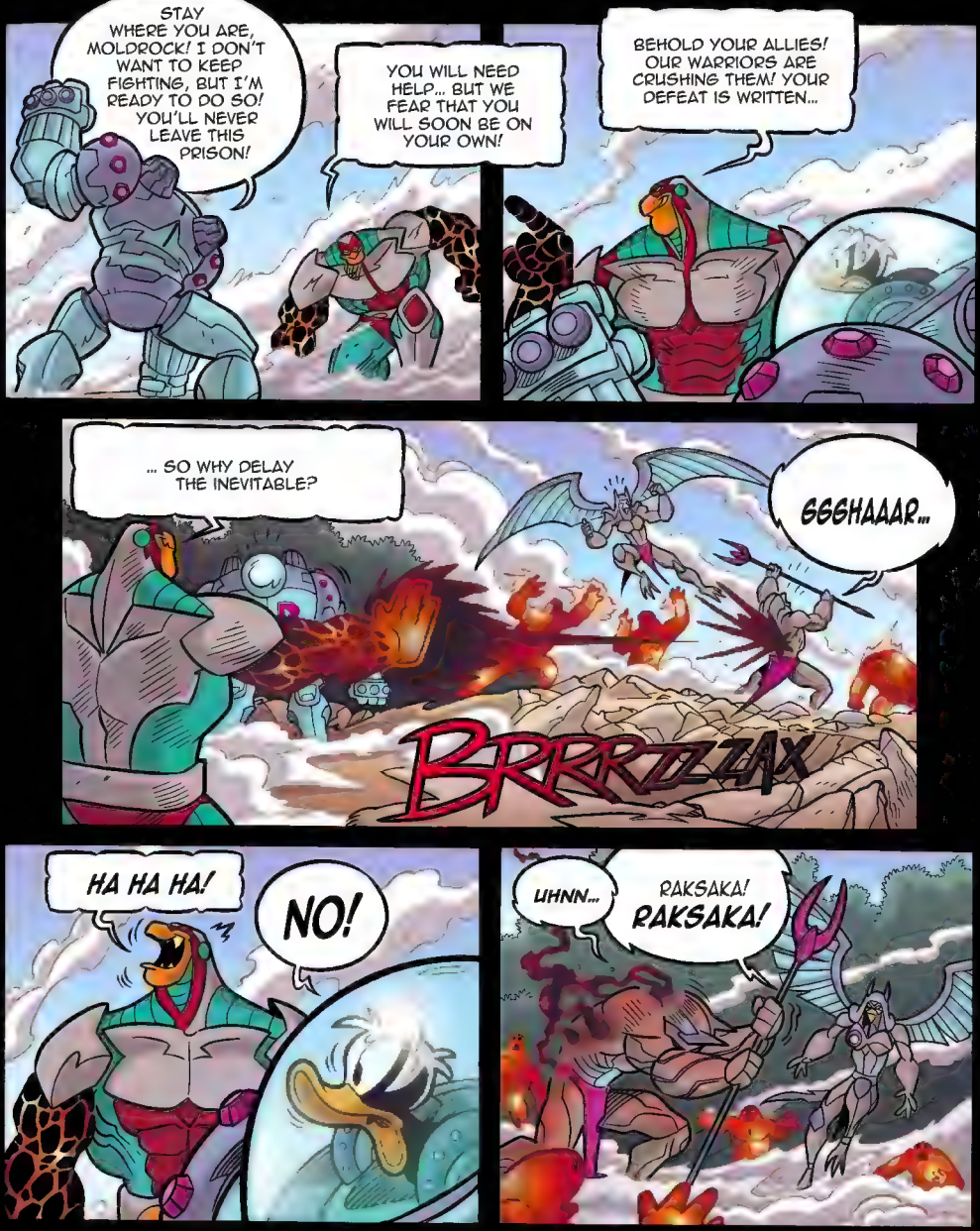

FILL ME UP, PAL! RECHARGE THE COSTUME TO MAXIMUM!
ED
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT LIKE YOU NEVER HAVE... BECAUSE THIS TIME I CAN'T HELP YOU ON THE BATTLEFIELD!
YOUR PLACE IS HERE WITH THE DISPLACER! WHEN I RETURN WITH THE CAPSULE YOU'LL NEED TO BE READY TO SET IT IN MOTION!
I'M COUNTING ON IT! IF YOU DON'T MANAGE TO RECOVER THE BATTERY, THE TOWER WON'T LAST LONG...
... AND IF MOLDROCK GETS INTO THE OMEGA CHAMBER, THE ONLY OPTION WILL BE SURRENDER!
NEVER! MOLDROCK IS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL!
DON'T BE IMPRUDENT! YOUR OPPONENT HAS AN IMMENSE POWER... TOO IMMENSE FOR EVEN A COLOSSUS LIKE HIM!
MAYBE I NEED A BIGGER SUIT!
BWWWWZ
IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO TIME TO RECONFIGURE YOUR SUIT!
BUT MAYBE I HAVE A BETTER IDEA...


HE'S DISAPPEARED, MY LORD! PERHAPS HE'S FLED!
ABANDONING HIS COMRADES AFTER RISKING HIS LIFE TO SAVE THEM? NO, THIS IS ONLY ANOTHER DIVERSION TO CONFUSE US! WE'VE WAITED TOO LONG!
FOLLOW ME! WE WILL BREAK THEIR DEFENSES! LET US TAKE DUCKLAIR TOWER!
THERE THEY ARE! TAKE CARE OF THE REAR, THALA! AND IF I WERE TO FALL, PICK UP MY WEAPON AND FIGHT FOR ME TOO!
IF YOU WERE TO FALL, WE'D HELP YOU GET BACK ON YOUR FEET! THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO!
ADMIT IT, RAKSAKA! YOU THOUGHT YOU'D MADE AN EPIC ENTRANCE, BUT YOU'D YET TO SEE MINE!
!

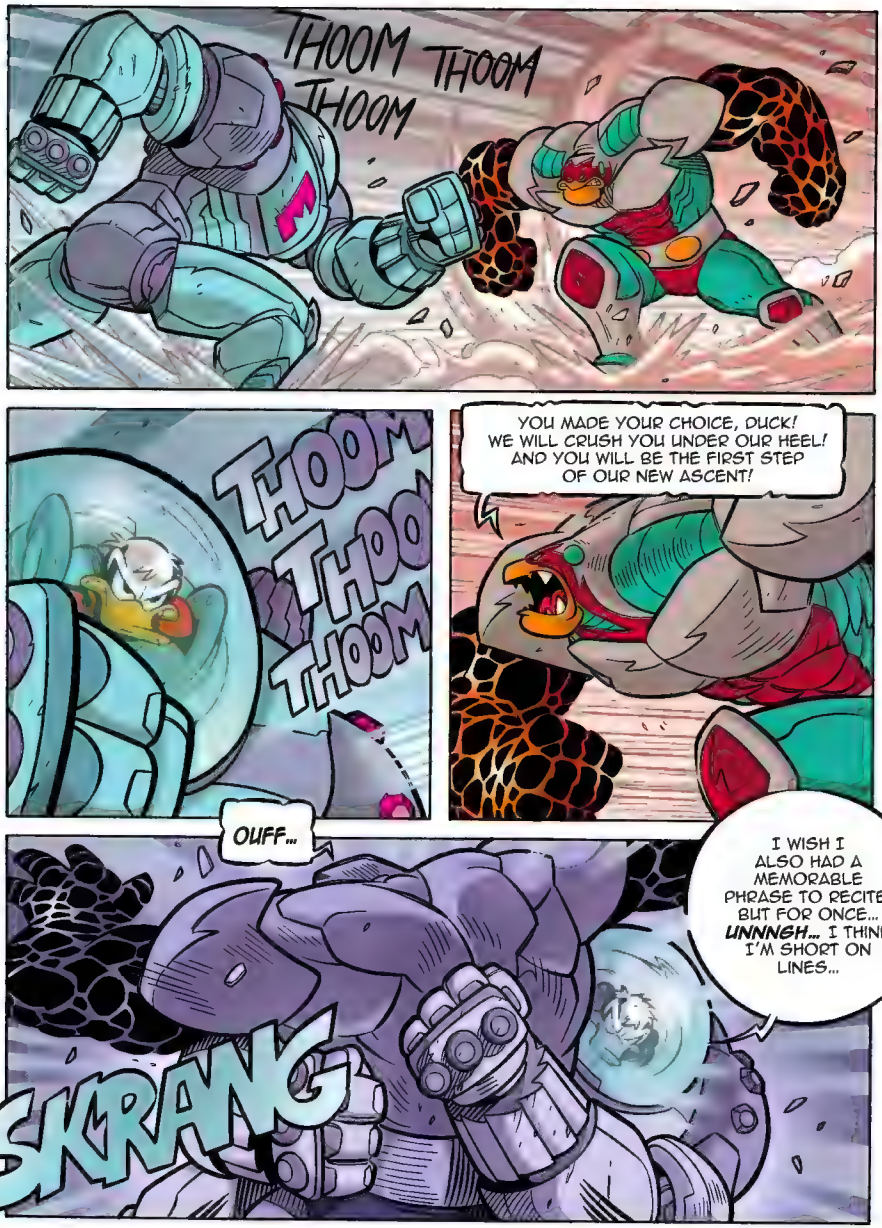
I MADE A CHANGE IN CLOTHES! THE CUSTODIAN LENT ME HIS, BUT FOR SOME REASON HE DIDN'T WANT MINE!
BOOOM
WHAAAAM
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT CAPES! UNNECESSARY FRILLS OF A PAST THAT WILL NEVER RETURN!
THAT BEING SAID, TEACH THEM A LESSON, AVENGER!
I EXPECTED NOTHING MORE!


LEAVE THESE ONES TO US, DUCK AVENGER! YOU GO AND STOP MOLDROCK!
STOP US? HA HA HA!
SHWOOM
WITHIN US FLOWS THE ENERGY OF THE UNIVERSE, THE LIMITLESS POWER OF THE BLACK RAY! CAN YOU STOP THE HAND THAT GUIDES IT?
WELL, IT DOES SOUND DIFFICULT WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...
THOOM
!
... BUT WE'LL NEVER KNOW IF I DON'T TRY!

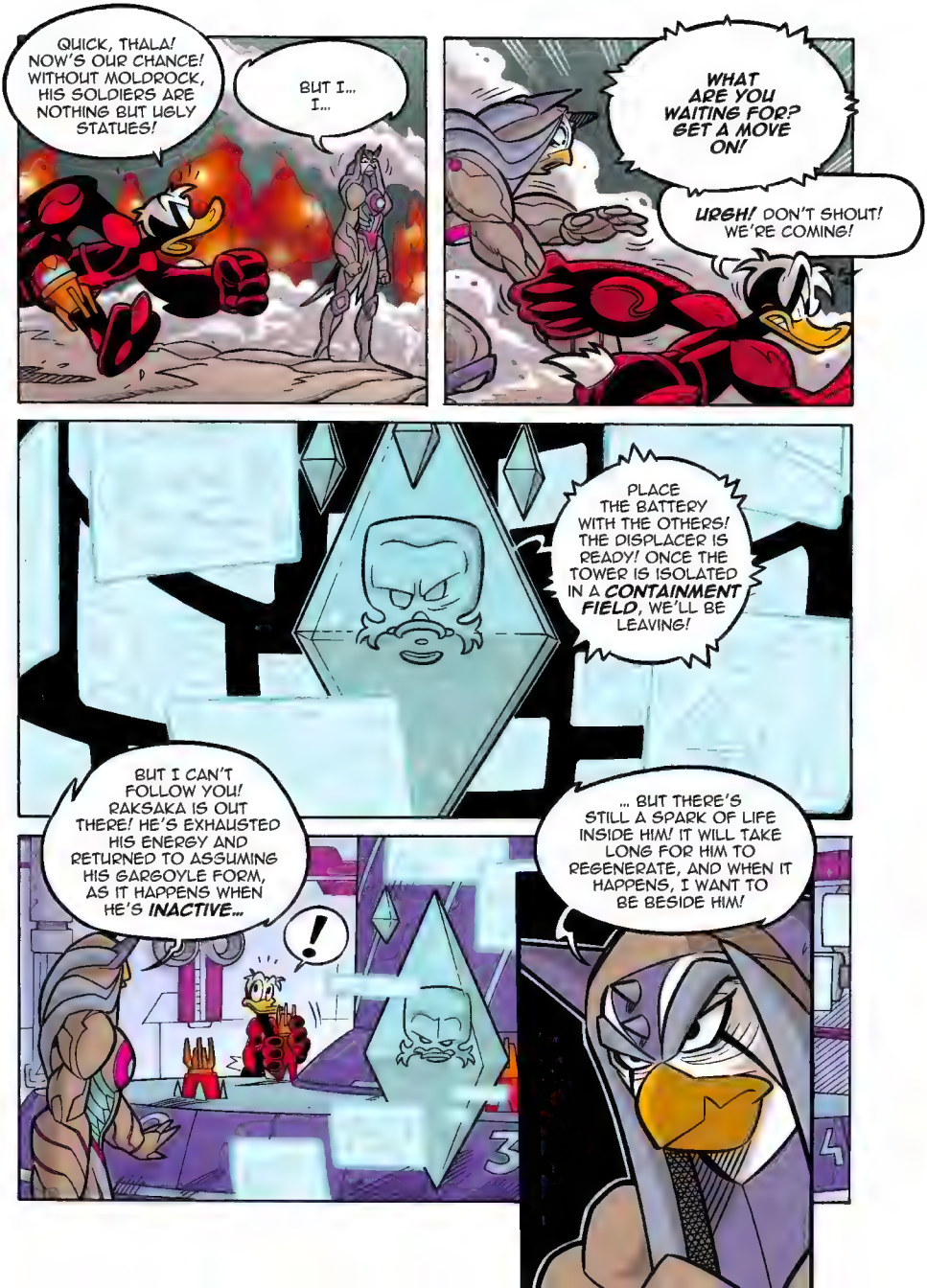

M-MY LORD!
STAND BACK! WE HAVE NO NEED OF YOUR HELP!
HEAR THAT? HE DOESN'T NEED YOU... SO YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE WAY!
KZZZZZAP-ZAP
DO YOU FEEL SAFE INSIDE YOUR ARMOR?
SHUNK
BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN THE METAL STARTS MELTING?
HEY, GO EASY! THE ARMOR'S NOT MINE! IT WAS LENT TO ME!
IF I BRING IT BACK WITH A SCRATCH, WHO'S GOING TO HEAR IT FROM MY FRIEND?
F-RA-WOOOM
NNNHF...


STAY WHERE YOU ARE, MOLDROCK! I DON'T WANT TO KEEP FIGHTING, BUT I'M READY TO DO SO! YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS PRISON!
YOU WILL NEED HELP... BUT WE FEAR THAT YOU WILL SOON BE ON YOUR OWN!
BEHOLD YOUR ALLIES! OUR WARRIORS ARE CRUSHING THEM! YOUR DEFEAT IS WRITTEN...
... SO WHY DELAY THE INEVITABLE?
GGGHAAAR...
BRRRZZAX
HA HA HA!
NO!
UHNN...
RAKSAKA!
RAKSAKA!

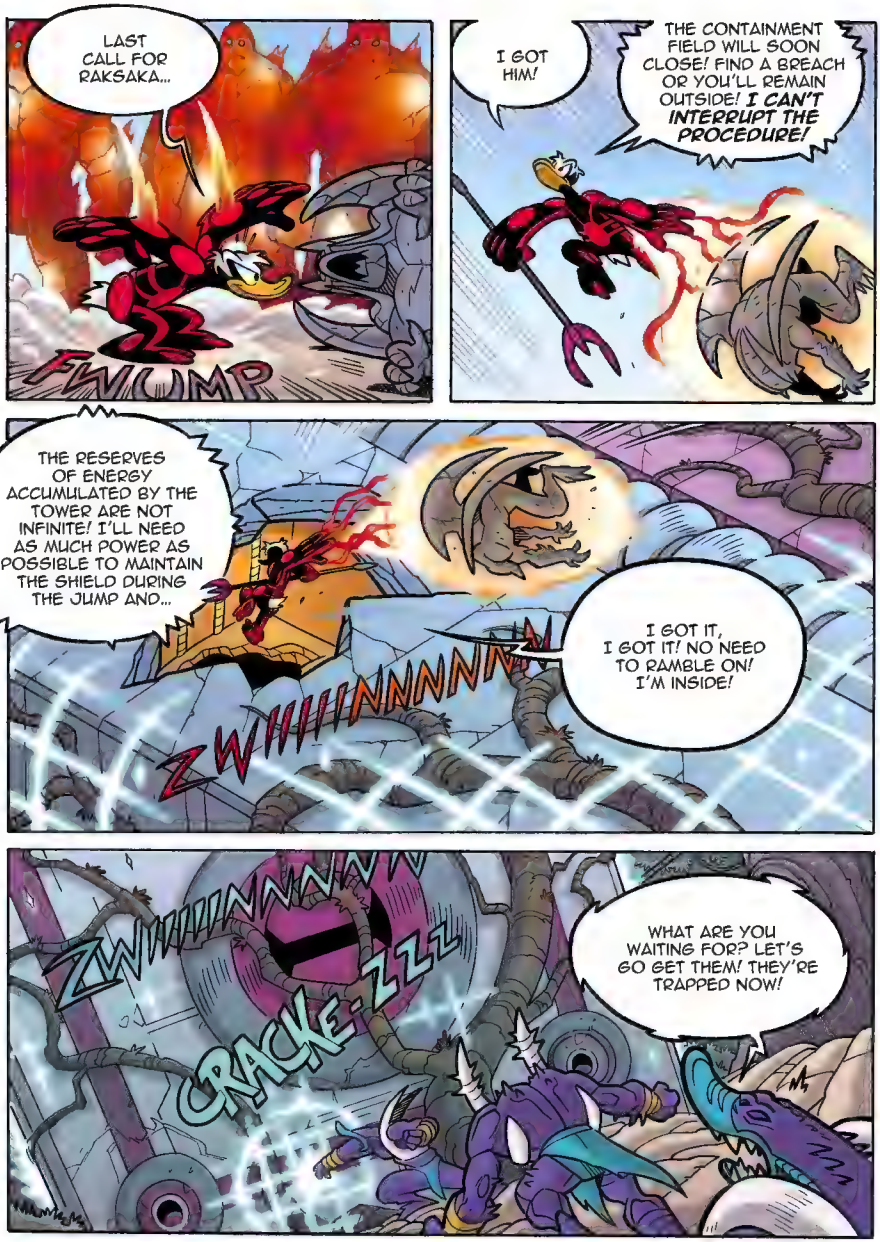
DON'T HOLD BACK YOUR RAGE, DUCK AVENGER! NOW IS THE TIME TO LET IT GO...
GET AWAY! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
T-THIS IS NOW YOURS...
... THALA!
YOU... YOU'LL REGRET WHAT YOU DID!
YES! NOW YOU ARE READY TO UNLEASH YOUR FURY! COME FORWARD, DUCK AVENGER!

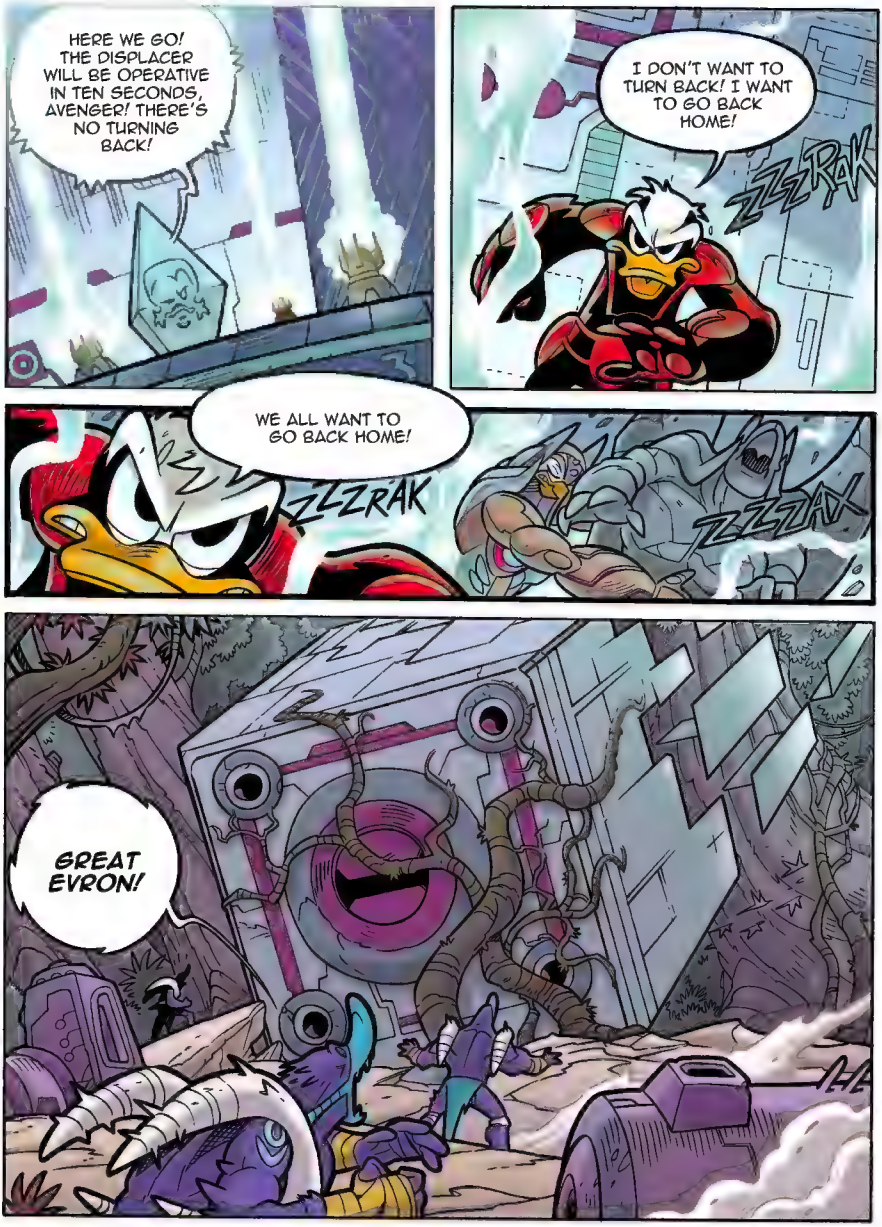

THOOM THOOM
THOOM THOOM
YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE, DUCK! WE WILL CRUSH YOU UNDER OUR HEEL! AND YOU WILL BE THE FIRST STEP OF OUR NEW ASCENT!
OUFF...
I WISH I ALSO HAD A MEMORABLE PHRASE TO RECITE, BUT FOR ONCE... UNNNGH... I THINK I'M SHORT ON LINES...
SKRANG

FWHAAAAAAM
CLUNK
APPARENTLY WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY, MOLDROCK!
HUH?
FWHAAAAAAM
WWAAAAA-BROOOOM
IT WORKED!
NICELY DONE, AVENGER! NOW GRAB THE BATTERY AND GET BACK HERE IMMEDIATELY!


QUICK, THALA! NOW'S OUR CHANCE! WITHOUT MOLDROCK, HIS SOLDIERS ARE NOTHING BUT UGLY STATUES!
BUT I... I...
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET A MOVE ON!
URGH! DON'T SHOUT! WE'RE COMING!
PLACE THE BATTERY WITH THE OTHERS! THE DISPLACER IS READY! ONCE THE TOWER IS ISOLATED IN A CONTAINMENT FIELD, WE'LL BE LEAVING!
BUT I CAN'T FOLLOW YOU! RAKSAKA IS OUT THERE! HE'S EXHAUSTED HIS ENERGY AND RETURNED TO ASSUMING HIS GARGOYLE FORM, AS IT HAPPENS WHEN HE'S INACTIVE...
!
... BUT THERE'S STILL A SPARK OF LIFE INSIDE HIM! IT WILL TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO REGENERATE, AND WHEN IT HAPPENS, I WANT TO BE BESIDE HIM!

I HAVE TO GO TO HIM! EVERETT DUCKLAIR CREATED US TO DEFEND THE TOWER... BUT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TO DELETE THAT PROGRAM!
I WILL DO NO SUCH THING! MY PRIORITY IS LEAVING THE PENTA-DIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE!
CUSTODIAN, PLEASE...
ACTIVATE CONTAINMENT FIELD! VERIFY CONNE-CTIONS AND INITIATE DISPLACEMENT ON THE SET GEOTEMPORAL COURSE!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR HER? SHE'S BEGGING YOU!
DON'T MAKE MY TASK MORE DIFFICULT, AVENGER! YOUR MISSION IS CONCLUDED! NOW STAND ASIDE!
FINE! WAIT FOR ME HERE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
GET BACK HERE, AVENGER! WITHIN A FEW MOMENTS THE TOWER WILL BE ISOLATED!
PARDON ME, PEOPLE... BUT THERE'S A LAGGARD WHO'S ABOUT TO MISS HIS FLIGHT!


LAST CALL FOR RAKSAKA...
FWUMP
I GOT HIM!
THE CONTAINMENT FIELD WILL SOON CLOSE! FIND A BREACH OR YOU'LL REMAIN OUTSIDE! I CAN'T INTERRUPT THE PROCEDURE!
THE RESERVES OF ENERGY ACCUMULATED BY THE TOWER ARE NOT INFINITE! I'LL NEED AS MUCH POWER AS POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE SHIELD DURING THE JUMP AND...
ZWHHHHNNNNN
I GOT IT, I GOT IT! NO NEED TO RAMBLE ON! I'M INSIDE!
ZWHHHHNNNNN
CRACK-ZZZ
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S GO GET THEM! THEY'RE TRAPPED NOW!


HERE WE GO! THE DISPLACER WILL BE OPERATIVE IN TEN SECONDS, AVENGER! THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!
I DON'T WANT TO TURN BACK! I WANT TO GO BACK HOME!
ZZZRAK
WE ALL WANT TO GO BACK HOME!
ZZZRAK
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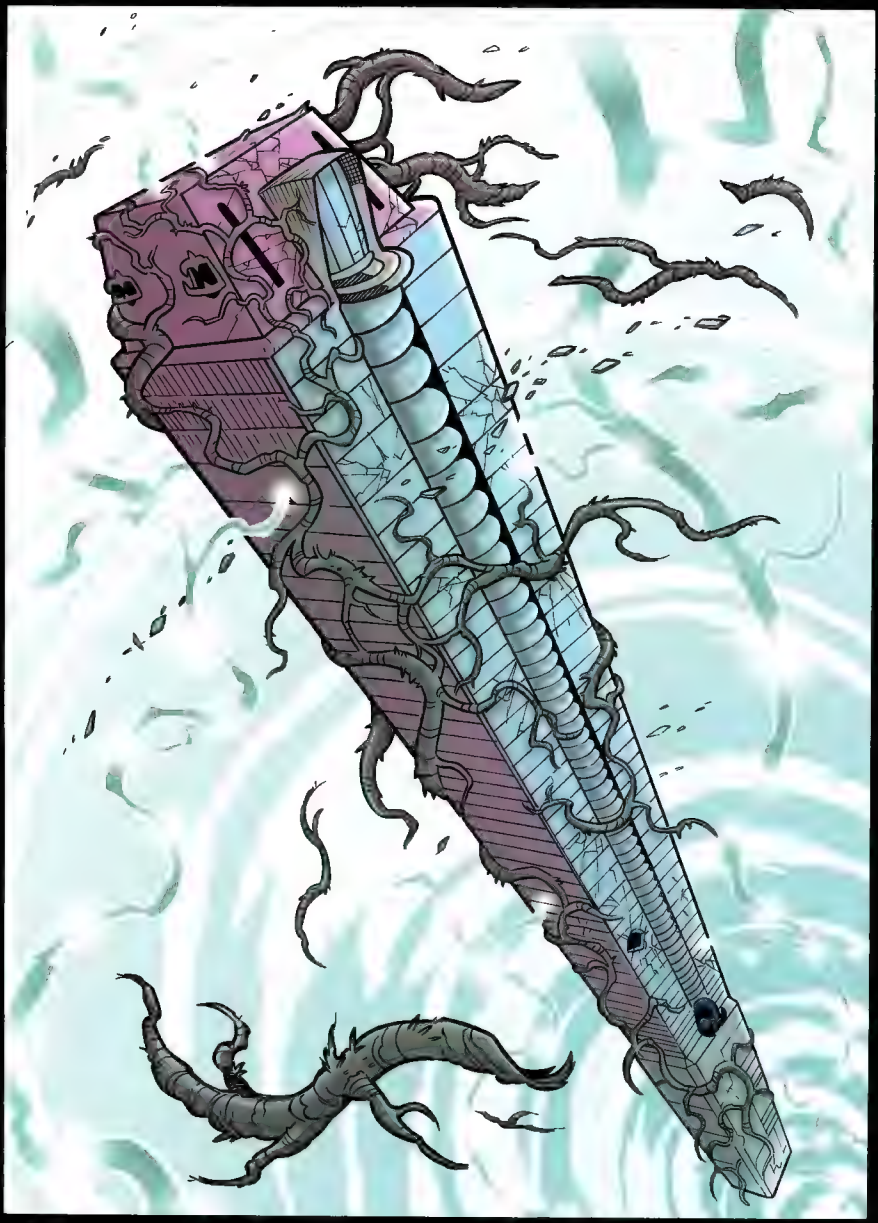
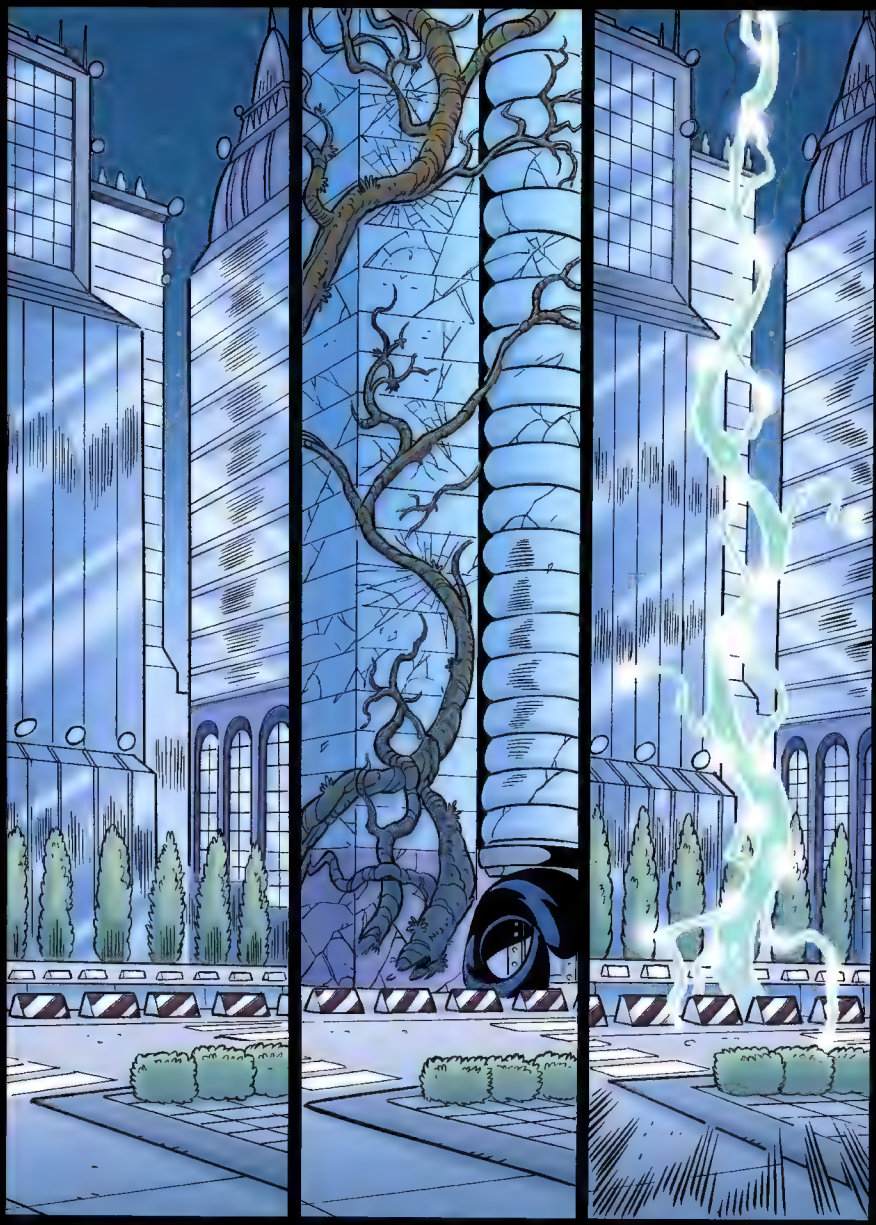
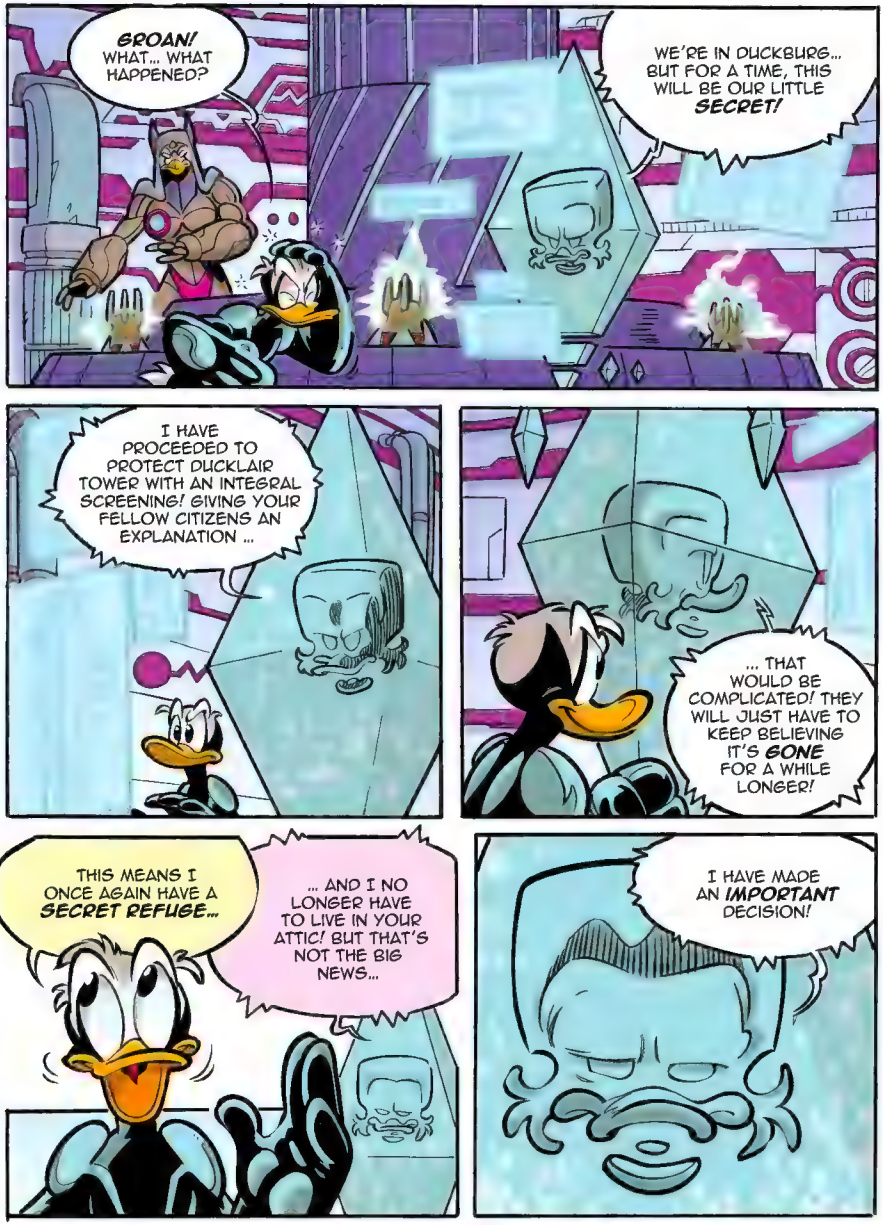
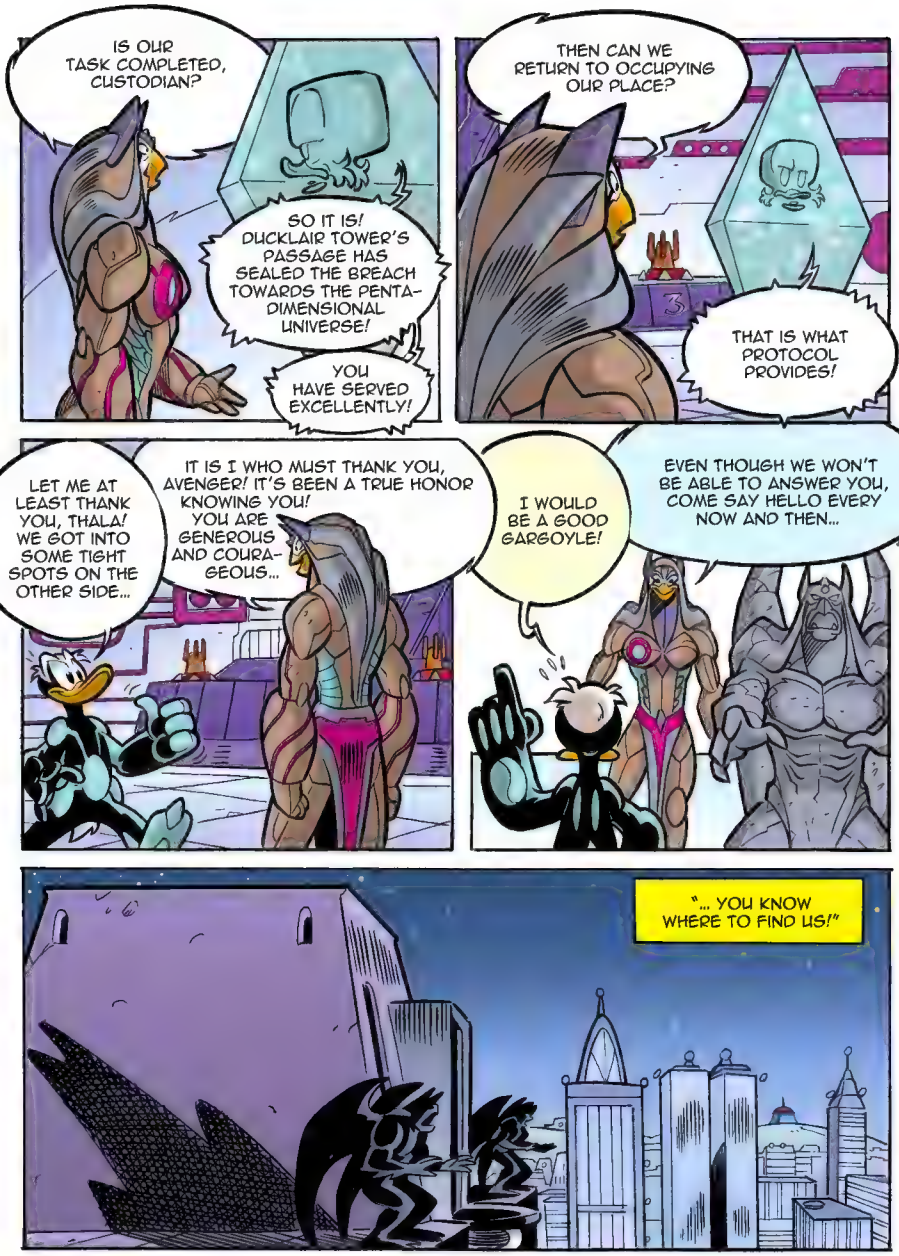
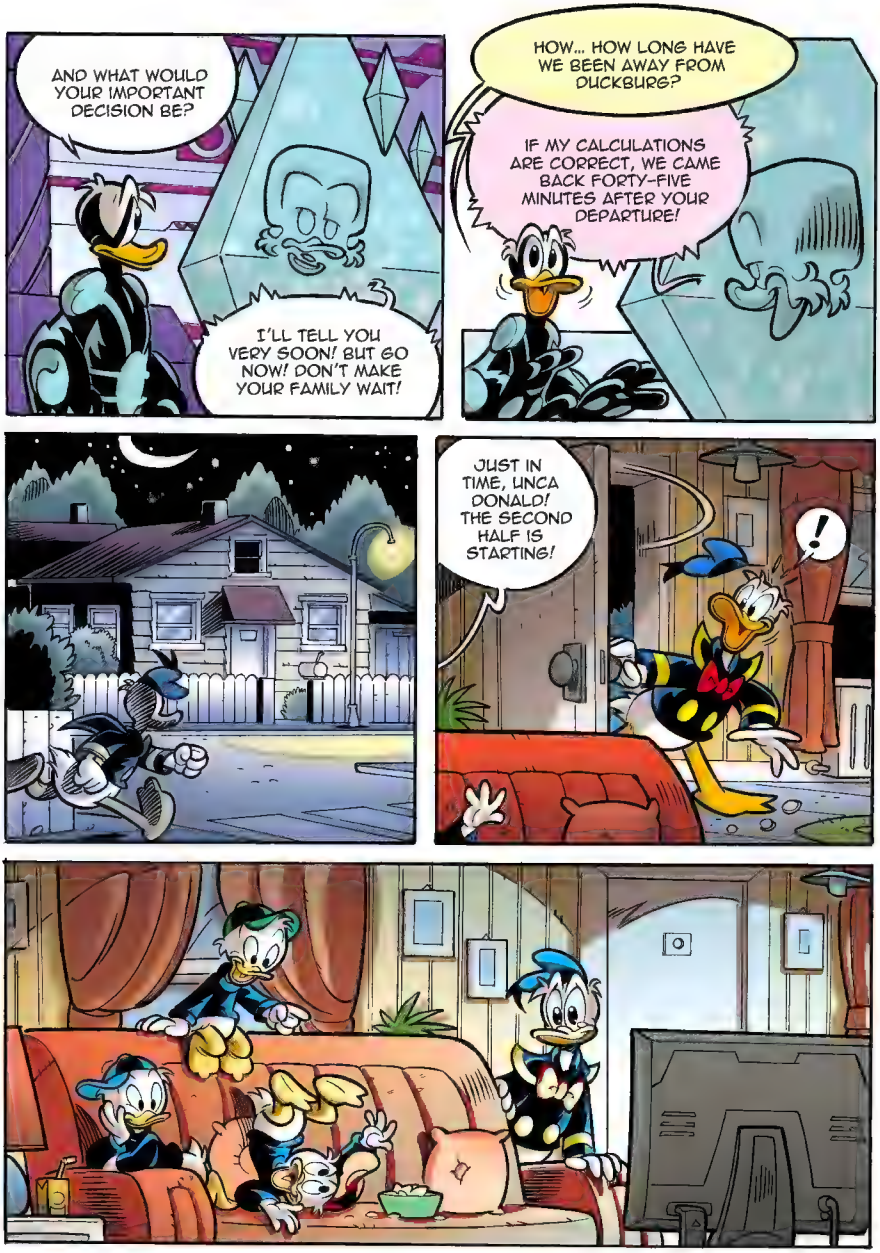
GREAT EVRON!






GROAN! WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED?
WE'RE IN DUCKBURG... BUT FOR A TIME, THIS WILL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET!
I HAVE PROCEEDED TO PROTECT DUCKLAIR TOWER WITH AN INTEGRAL SCREENING! GIVING YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AN EXPLANATION ...
... THAT WOULD BE COMPLICATED! THEY WILL JUST HAVE TO KEEP BELIEVING IT'S GONE FOR A WHILE LONGER!
THIS MEANS I ONCE AGAIN HAVE A SECRET REFUGE...
... AND I NO LONGER HAVE TO LIVE IN YOUR ATTIC! BUT THAT'S NOT THE BIG NEWS...
I HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT DECISION!


IS OUR TASK COMPLETED, CUSTODIAN?
SO IT IS! DUCKLAIR TOWER'S PASSAGE HAS SEALED THE BREACH TOWARDS THE PENTA-DIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE!
YOU HAVE SERVED EXCELLENTLY!
THEN CAN WE RETURN TO OCCUPYING OUR PLACE?
THAT IS WHAT PROTOCOL PROVIDES!
LET ME AT LEAST THANK YOU, THALA! WE GOT INTO SOME TIGHT SPOTS ON THE OTHER SIDE...
IT IS I WHO MUST THANK YOU, AVENGER! IT'S BEEN A TRUE HONOR KNOWING YOU! YOU ARE GENEROUS AND COURA-GEOUS...
I WOULD BE A GOOD GARGOYLE!
EVEN THOUGH WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOU, COME SAY HELLO EVERY NOW AND THEN...
"... YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!"


AND WHAT WOULD YOUR IMPORTANT DECISION BE?
I'LL TELL YOU VERY SOON! BUT GO NOW! DON'T MAKE YOUR FAMILY WAIT!
HOW... HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN AWAY FROM DUCKBURG?
IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, WE CAME BACK FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE!
JUST IN TIME, UNCA DONALD! THE SECOND HALF IS STARTING!
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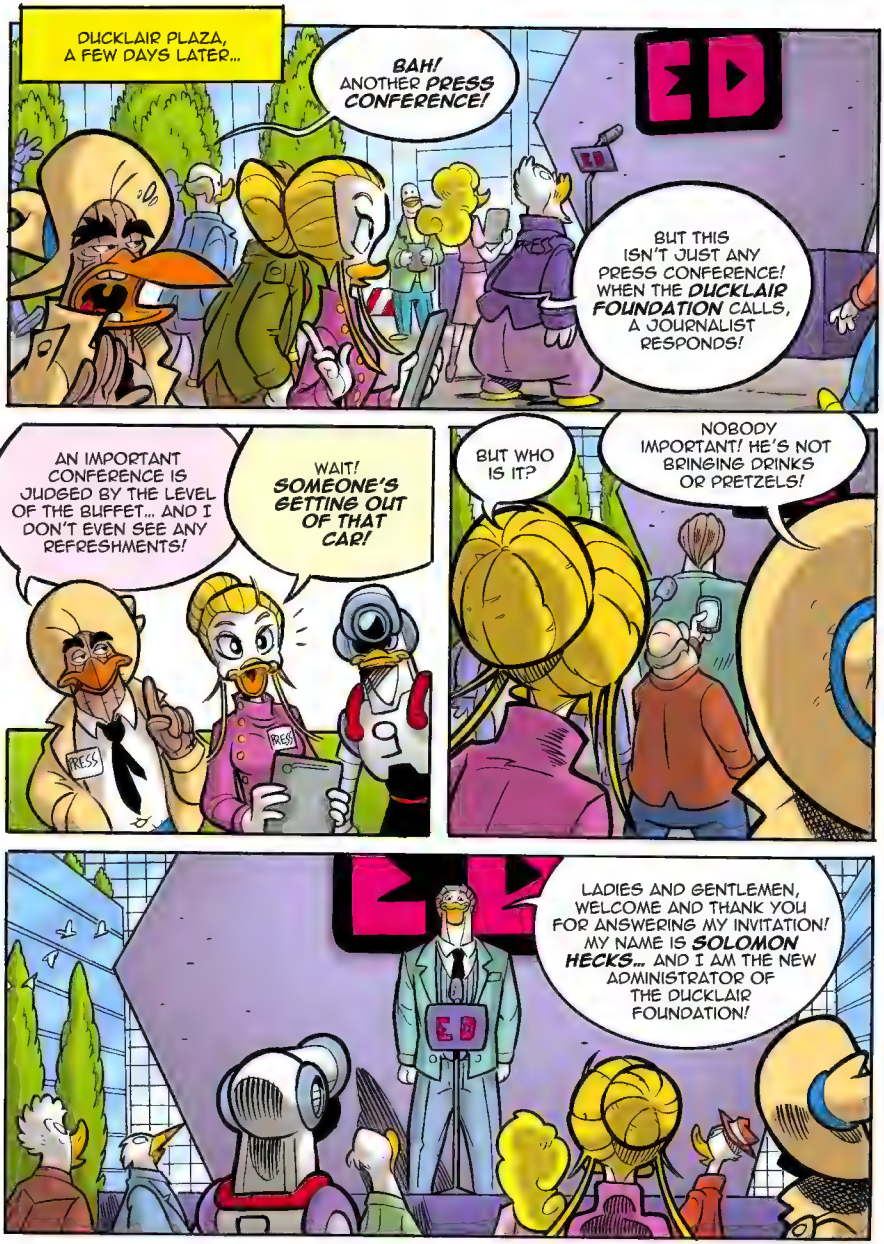
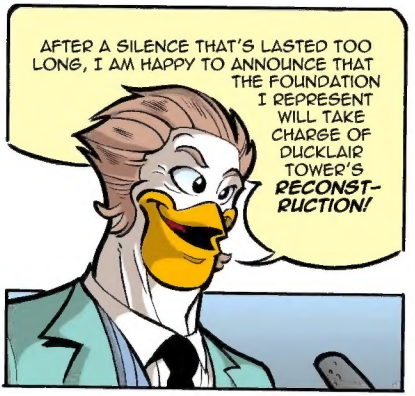
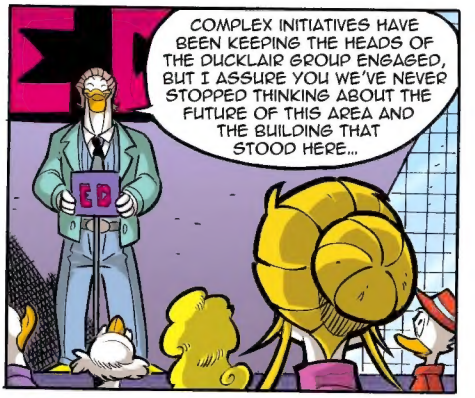
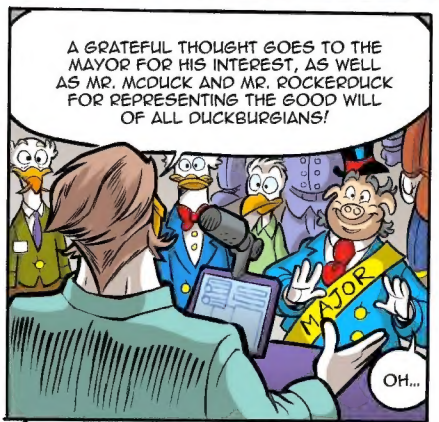
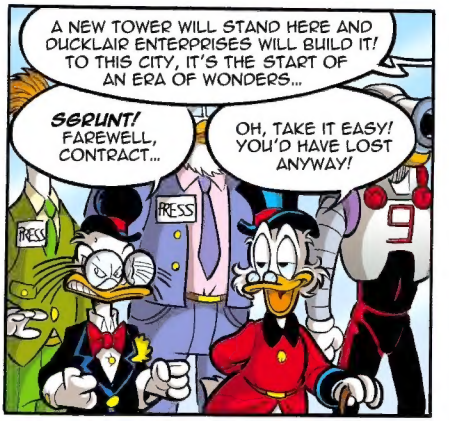

DUCKLAIR PLAZA, A FEW DAYS LATER...
BAH! ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE!
BUT THIS ISN'T JUST ANY PRESS CONFERENCE! WHEN THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION CALLS, A JOURNALIST RESPONDS!
AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IS JUDGED BY THE LEVEL OF THE BUFFET... AND I DON'T EVEN SEE ANY REFRESHMENTS!
WAIT! SOMEONE'S GETTING OUT OF THAT CAR!
BUT WHO IS IT?
NOBODY IMPORTANT! HE'S NOT BRINGING DRINKS OR PRETZELS!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY INVITATION! MY NAME IS SOLOMON HECKS... AND I AM THE NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DUCKLAIR FOUNDATION!

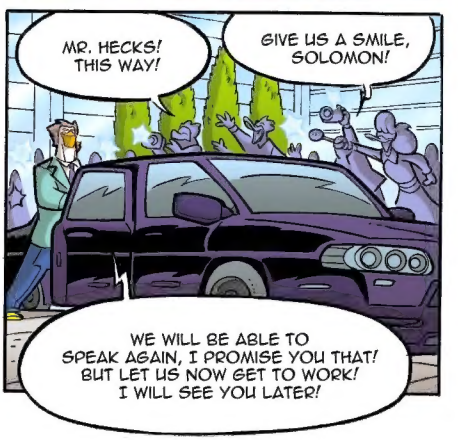

AFTER A SILENCE THAT'S LASTED TOO LONG, I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE FOUNDATION I REPRESENT WILL TAKE CHARGE OF DUCKLAIR TOWER'S RECONST-RUCTION!

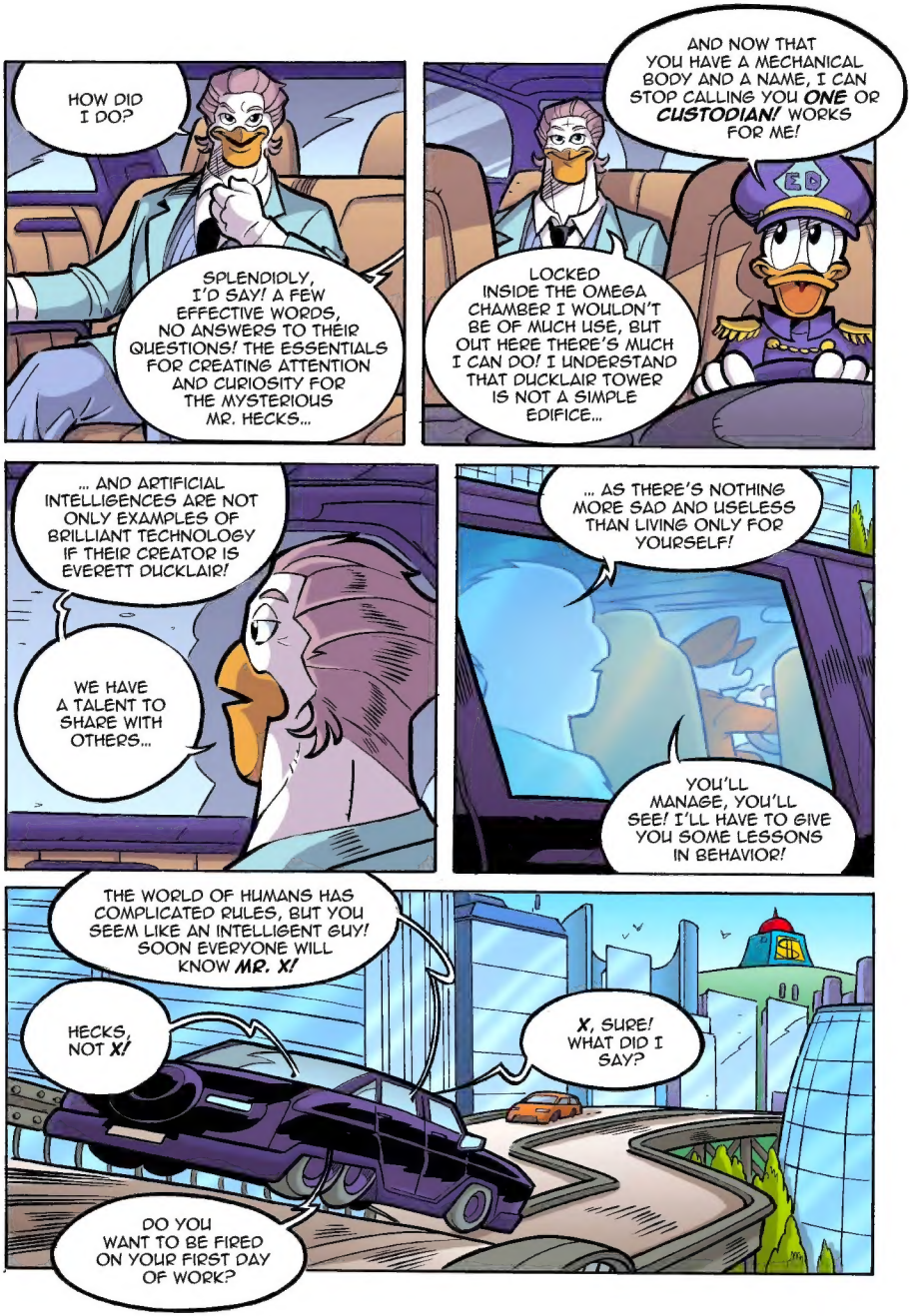

COMPLEX INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN KEEPING THE HEADS OF THE DUCKLAIR GROUP ENGAGED, BUT I ASSURE YOU WE'VE NEVER STOPPED THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS AREA AND THE BUILDING THAT STOOD HERE...
ED

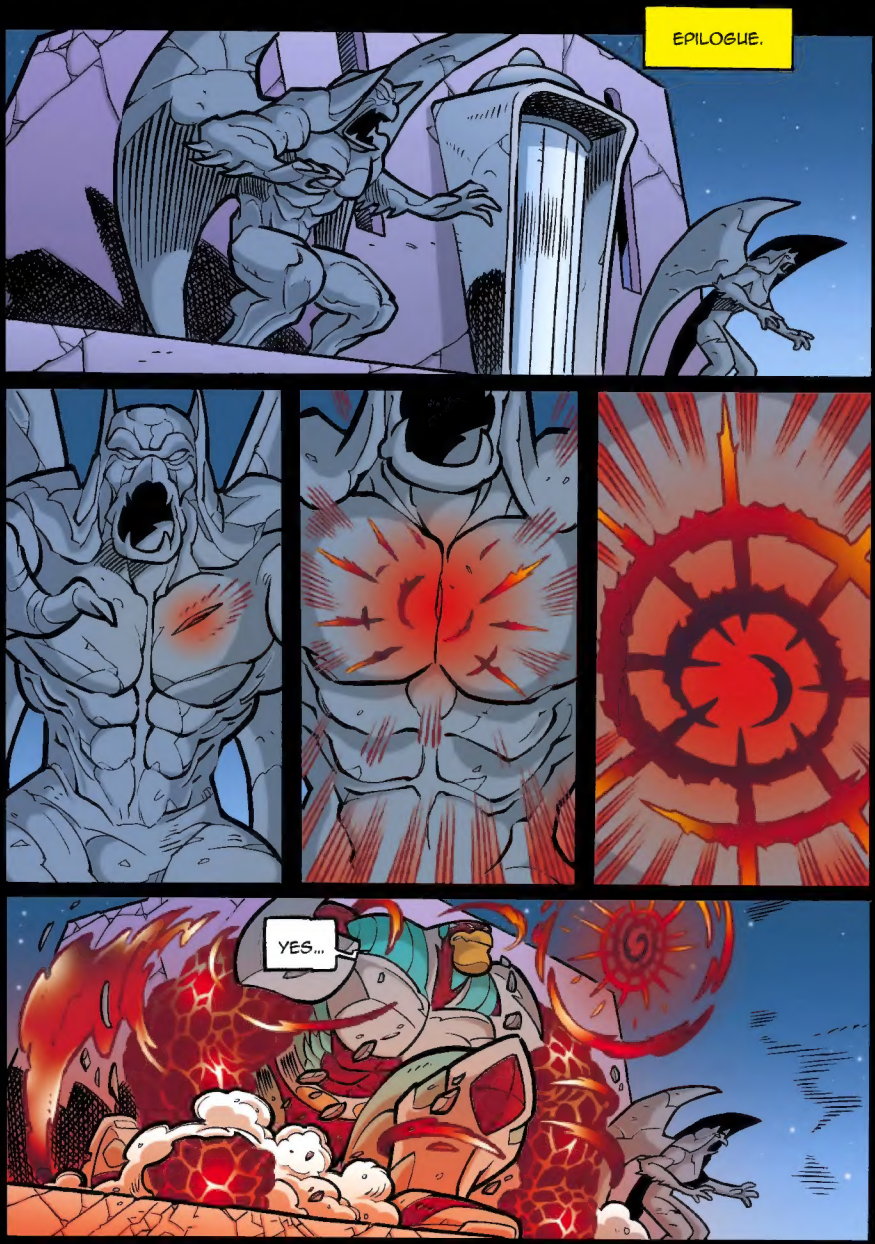

A GRATEFUL THOUGHT GOES TO THE MAYOR FOR HIS INTEREST, AS WELL AS MR. MCDUCK AND MR. ROCKERDUCK FOR REPRESENTING THE GOOD WILL OF ALL DUCKBURGIANS!
MAJOR
OH...


A NEW TOWER WILL STAND HERE AND DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES WILL BUILD IT! TO THIS CITY, IT'S THE START OF AN ERA OF WONDERS...
SGRUNT! FAREWELL, CONTRACT...
OH, TAKE IT EASY! YOU'D HAVE LOST ANYWAY!
PRESS
PRESS

... BECAUSE EVERETT DUCKLAIR'S SPIRIT AND VISION OF TOMORROW WILL ACCOMPANY US EVERY DAY! THANK YOU!
ONE MOMENT, MR. HECKS! ONE QUESTION!


MR. HECKS! THIS WAY!
GIVE US A SMILE, SOLOMON!
WE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK AGAIN, I PROMISE YOU THAT! BUT LET US NOW GET TO WORK! I WILL SEE YOU LATER!


HOW DID I DO?
SPLENDIDLY, I'D SAY! A FEW EFFECTIVE WORDS, NO ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS! THE ESSENTIALS FOR CREATING ATTENTION AND CURIOSITY FOR THE MYSTERIOUS MR. HECKS...
AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE A MECHANICAL BODY AND A NAME, I CAN STOP CALLING YOU ONE OR CUSTODIAN! WORKS FOR ME!
LOCKED INSIDE THE OMEGA CHAMBER I WOULDN'T BE OF MUCH USE, BUT OUT HERE THERE'S MUCH I CAN DO! I UNDERSTAND THAT DUCKLAIR TOWER IS NOT A SIMPLE EDIFICE...
... AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES ARE NOT ONLY EXAMPLES OF BRILLIANT TECHNOLOGY IF THEIR CREATOR IS EVERETT DUCKLAIR!
WE HAVE A TALENT TO SHARE WITH OTHERS...
... AS THERE'S NOTHING MORE SAD AND USELESS THAN LIVING ONLY FOR YOURSELF!
YOU'LL MANAGE, YOU'LL SEE! I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU SOME LESSONS IN BEHAVIOR!
THE WORLD OF HUMANS HAS COMPLICATED RULES, BUT YOU SEEM LIKE AN INTELLIGENT GUY! SOON EVERYONE WILL KNOW MR. X!
HECKS, NOT X!
X, SURE! WHAT DID I SAY?
DO YOU WANT TO BE FIRED ON YOUR FIRST DAY OF WORK?


EPILOGUE.
YES...

I WAS CERTAIN THAT PITY WOULD DRIVE THE LITTLE DUCK TO NOT ABANDON THAT STATUE! TAKING ITS FORM...
... THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UNDIGNIFIED FOR A WARLORD, BUT WHAT MATTERS IS BEING HERE! AWAY FROM EVERETT'S TRAPS, THE POWER OF THE BLACK RAY WILL GROW AGAIN!
SOON YOU WILL HAVE YOUR FREEDOM BACK AND THE HORDE WILL RETURN TO DOMINATE! NOTHING WILL PREVENT US FROM RETURNING TO CORONA...
... AND TAKE BACK THAT WHICH RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO US! NO ONE WILL STOP US! NO ONE WILL CONFINE US IN A PRISON! NEVER AGAIN!
"THIS IS THE OATH OF MOLDROCK!"
THE END